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In Business Update

Local charity founder honoured with BEM

PORHCRAWL resident Diane Raybould has received the British Empire Medal for services to breast cancer from the Queen's representative, The Lord Lieutenant of Mid Glamorgan, Kate Thomas CVO, and Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Mid Glamorgan Roy Noble, in an event which was hosted by Rhondda Cynon Taf Mayor, Cllr Margaret Tegg.

Following the death of her daughter and having been diagnosed with breast cancer



ABOVE: Diane Raybould (centre) with her BEM; The Lord Lieutenant of Mid Glamorgan, Kate Thomas CVO (right); and Rhondda Cynon Taf Mayor, Cllr Margaret Tegg (left).

herself in 2002, Diane launched the charity Rhondda Breast Friends (RBF) in 2006, with the aim of providing much needed information and support for breast

cancer patients. She said: "The community support and partner organisations were at the heart of our success, it was priceless." Having challenged Cwm Taf LHB's 'Health, Social care and Wellbeing Strategy', which did not incorporate cancer services, the charity worked with Interlink (WCVO) to set up the first cancer focus group in the country.

Diane quickly established it as a force to be reckoned with as 40 national and local cancer and carer organisations worked in partnership to improve cancer services and influence healthcare providers in Cwm Taf. RBF also held the Welsh Government to account over eight long years on implementation of their Welsh Cancer Standards, with patients' stories highlighting non-compliance by LHB's across Wales.

The National Assembly for Wales (NAW) Petitions

Committee showcased RBF in their publication 'Petitioning: bringing your issues to light,' as an example of how their petition had: "...helped raise political and public awareness about compliance with Cancer Standards... It helped give a voice to those who may not always be heard."

The charity was her inspiration. Her hard work and tremendous

drive towards patient engagement and partnership working with health care providers, has improved the quality of services and support for people with cancer and their families across Wales.

She has improved the lives of thousands of people, changed attitudes and has left a legacy for years to come.

AS

A PAPER OF RECORD Ogwr Talking Newspaper celebrates its 40th birthday

FORTY years ago, an initiative to enable local visually-impaired people to keep up-to-date with local news was instigated.

To mark this milestone, a certificate was awarded to Ogwr Talking Newspaper at its recent AGM by the Talking News Federation.

The local association currently has six teams of volunteer readers who make digital recordings of up to 80 minutes of local news from The GEM and the Glamorgan Gazette and then produce CDs which are sent out each Thursday to listeners.

The certificate was presented by Kathryn Greenwood, a senior officer of the Sensory Services Department of the Community

Resource Team, Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), who thanked the Association for its important work over the 40 years and also the volunteers who give their time freely.

She gave a short background talk on her work with the visually impaired before presenting the framed certificate to David Philpot, who was responsible for the initial founding of the association 40

years ago and at the age of 92 is still heavily involved, being a member of one of the teams that reads the newspapers, records and produces multiple copies of the CDs and also runs the charity's helpline.

He was awarded his MBE in recognition of this work but would modestly say that it is very much a team effort.

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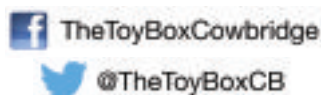


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Robeson tribute

A theatrical performance takes place on November 3 and 4 to remember the 60th anniversary of Paul Robeson's historic link-up with the Miners' Eisteddfod in Porthcawl.

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Staff and patients had great fun visiting Planet Play.

Child ABMU patients 'over the moon' at PoW Hospital



International artist Kevin Sinnott to lecture in Porthcawl

ARTIST Kevin Sinnott will be giving the third talk in the 'Counterpoint' series organised by Sustainable Wales, London, and the creation of his new gallery in Pontycymer, his labour of love.

The last word on Cardiff ships query?

REGARDING Readers' Letters (October 19, Brian Lee, Cardiff and AR Thorne), my grandmother Beatrice Maud Parsons (née Hart) born 25.11.1889/ died 26.02.1984, worked as a young girl for Roses Shop, George Street, Docks, Cardiff.

She had to deliver tobacco and cigarettes for the captains of the ships and walked from ship to ship. The captains gave her directions to her next customer.

Arthur Bowen, Porthcawl

ABMU staff made sure celebrations to mark this year's Play in Hospital Week really were out of this world.

The annual event celebrates the importance of play during a child's time in hospital and saw ABMU's Play Team come up with a week of activities at Morriston and the Princess of Wales hospitals, all with a space theme.

Children's wards at Morriston and Princess of Wales hospitals were decorated with space designs and featured an eye-catching display board.

The team's efforts secured it third place in a national competition sponsored by Starlight, the charity which supports seriously ill children.

It is the third year in a row it has been placed in the competition, open to every UK children's ward, and it has won a voucher for therapeutic toys for young patients.

Play co-ordinator Lisa Morgan said: "We believe that the power of play is essential to a child's admission."

hospital admission.

"We strive to deliver the highest quality of play practice and we encourage all children to shine like the stars they are. We're so pleased to have been so successful in the competition again this year."

During the week, children were invited to join 'puppet friends' as the playroom was transformed into a space station for a host of different activities.

Patients were invited to design their own rocket, create an own alien and name a 'memory star'.

They also had visits from a storyteller and balloon modeller and had the chance to transform into astronauts for selfies. Their space journey ended with an 'out-of-orbit' themed party.

Lisa added: "We will always continue to make it our mission to create the best atmosphere for all children and their families when they are admitted to hospital." HS

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'£50m wasted a year' in Wales on NHS medicines



Ogmore AM Huw Irranca-Davies is highlighting the problem of wasted medicine, reportedly costing £50 million annually in Wales. It is estimated that it could be reduced to £40 million a year.

COMMUNITY Pharmacy Wales held an event at the Senedd to highlight unnecessary NHS overspend on medicines and how to tackle the problem.

Ogmore AM Huw Irranca-Davies heard that the annual cost of wasted medicines in Wales is £50 million and the Welsh Government has estimated that around £10 million could be saved by reducing wasted medicines in primary care.

The 700 community pharmacies in Wales are encouraging patients to return wasted medicines to their pharmacy and to think about their own medicine usage.

Mr. Irranca-Davies said: "We should all be mindful of this important issue and our usage of medicines. The financial implications to our NHS and the environmental aspects with disposing of the unwanted supplies are problems that can be avoided."

A 2016 report by the Welsh Government showed 79.5 million prescriptions were issued in 2015, compared to 78.5 million the previous year.

The overall cost of Wales prescription policy was £593.7m, up 3.5 per cent on 2014.

AS

Fun evening was tribute to Rev Paul

ON October 20, an 'Evening of Entertainment' took place in memory of the late Reverend Paul Floe, the previous minister at Trinity Church, Porthcawl.

The event was arranged by Larry Pearce, Elinor De Burg and Steve Rogers to celebrate all that he meant to the town. It was also to raise funds to provide clean water for children and adults in disadvantaged areas.

The evening consisted of a presentation of his impact on Porthcawl from church to rugby club, and his ability to enhance the lives of all those he met.

This was followed by a short description of where the funds would be spent, providing clean water for children and adults in the Philippines via 'pump wells'.

These wells prevent children from using the polluted ground waters for washing and drinking, which carry the risk of eye infection and other illnesses.

The presentation was by Larry Pearce, a close friend of Rev Floe and a local Lions Club member, who visited the region in his capacity of UN and international relations officer. There followed a communal

singing of a special prayer song led by Emily, a young lady whom Rev Floe had baptised during his ministry here.

A raffle was held, with prizes donated from local businesses who held Paul in high esteem, followed by a buffet supplied by the rugby club, of which he had been padre.

The evening was rounded off with music from local group, The Sker Krows. A most enjoyable evening was held in memory of the Rev Floe which raised £11,000.

At least three communities will benefit from clean water.

The organisers wish to thank all those who contributed in any way to the success of the evening.

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL NOVEMBER 9)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

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05 Sun	06.44	10.5	19.09	10.7
06 Mon	07.29	10.5	19.54	10.5
07 Tues	08.14	10.3	20.40	10.1
08 Wed	08.58	9.9	21.29	9.7
09 Thur	09.51	9.4	22.21	9.1

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Welsh football star pays tribute to Paul Robeson



Nathan Blake in Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion.
Photo by Mei Lewis of Mission Photographic.

FORMER Welsh international footballer Nathan Blake is to star in a new theatre project touring a number of local theatres – beginning this week at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl.

He has a lead role in a multi-media performance *Robeson Remembered* - a newly-commissioned piece of theatre devised by producer Roger Burnell, working alongside writer Louise Osbourne, director Gavin Porter and composer John Rea. It features a rich mix of film, theatre, soundscapes, film and stills archive, and male voice choirs.

It was 60 years ago on October 5, 1957, that Paul Robeson made his transatlantic broadcast from a recording studio in New York to the

South Wales Miners' Eisteddfod in the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl.

With his passport having been taken from him by the American authorities, he was unable to attend the Eisteddfod.

The piece celebrates the 60th anniversary of his live link, declaring his support for their common cause: freedom and social justice.

The performances will take place at: Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl – Friday, November 3, and Saturday, November 4, at 7.30pm.

Park and Dare, Treorchy - Saturday, November 11 at 7.30pm.

Maesteg Town Hall – Saturday, November 18 at 7.30pm

Nathan Blake says that "It is important that we ensure young people are made aware of their heritage, especially the legacy of Paul Robeson

and his links to Wales. I am excited to be working with such a talented group of young people, their commitment and passion for the project throughout has been truly remarkable."

In the spirit of Bridgend Youth Theatre's values of inclusion and team work, the basis of the play has been workshopped by over 200 members from 4-25 and some 60 of those members will share their theatre piece with the public, alongside Porthcawl Male Voice Choir and Neath Male Voice Choir.

Roger Burnell, the artistic director of Bridgend Youth Theatre, had this to say about the upcoming production: "The young performers have, yet again, been fully committed to the creative process, and parents will be justifiably proud.

"The sense of passion for their heritage and the team effort they have displayed throughout workshops has been a pleasure to behold. Many thanks to the creative team and the tutors for giving them the confidence to grow and to flourish."

Now in its 19th year, Bridgend Youth Theatre is an established BAFTA award-winning theatre company run in partnership with It's My SHOUT Productions Ltd. BYT is an exciting youth group that offers many experiences in theatre, film and television and most recently dance.

Many 'BYT graduates' go on to work in the industry.

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Sunset swansong at Ogmore



A sunset over the river Ogmore, on October 29 was captured by reader Brian Fraser.

Optician's toy drive helps the Mulligan Community Centre



Specsavers Bridgend store manager Carly Hickson, with Amanda Kirk from Mulligan Community Centre, and some toys.

A BRIDGEND family and support centre has received 25 second-hand toys, thanks to a local opticians' toy drive.

Specsavers in Bridgend encouraged customers and staff to donate any unwanted but well-looked-after toys they had to the Mulligan Community Centre (MCC) in Bridgend Industrial Estate.

"The work the MCC does in our county is unique and much-needed," said Carly Hickson, store manager.

Look out for the Porthcawl Lions' Christmas Grotto

FOLLOWING another very successful summer with their car boot sales, the Porthcawl Lions wish to thank the public for their generosity and support once again this year.

Chris Wintle from the rugby club was presented with a cheque for £1,238 to assist with the ongoing development of the club for the youth.

All other money raised will go towards helping the local and national charities we support.

A reminder that Santa will be in his Grotto at the museum from Saturday, November 25, to December 23, 11am-4pm. £4/child.

"We think of ourselves as a community service and business and are keen to help whenever and however we can. This is our second toy drive for the centre and the response from our customers, as always, has been fantastic."

When Specsavers' founders, Doug and Dame Mary Perkins, first heard about the centre's plans to relocate to a larger site, they donated £1,000 to the cause and suggested the centre's staff made contact with Specsavers in Bridgend.

Since then, the Adare Street opticians has held

Police appeal for help over Brackla theft



Police would like to speak with this woman.

DO you recognise this woman?

South Wales Police is asking the public whether they recognise this woman.

A spokeswoman said: "We'd like to speak to her in connection with a theft in Brackla."

"Anyone who knows the identity of the woman is asked to contact 101, quoting reference 1700410952."

Bridgend Scouts' Christmas fair

THE 3rd Bridgend Scout group is holding its annual Christmas Fair on Wednesday, November 22, at the Scout Hall, Bryntirion.

Doors open at 6pm and there will be games, gifts for Christmas, lots of fun and, of course, Father Christmas.

On Sunday, November 26 there will be a craft fair. Tables are £5. Doors open 8am, finishing at 12.30pm. Look out for further information on posters and on Facebook.

If you need a venue for your party or club, look no further than 3rd Bridgend Scout Hall, which is located in Llangwydd Road, Cefn

Glas near Bryntirion Football Club. For further details, call Kath Rees on 07843 985237. AS

PACT meetings Bridgend for November ABERKENFIG/Penyfa i on Monday, November 6 at Smyrna Chapel at 7pm.

Sam/Bryncorch on Monday, November 6 at Sam Life Centre at 7pm.

Maesteg/Llangwydd on Thursday, November 9 at Cwm Calon Day Centre at 6pm.

Pontycymer/Blaengarw on Wednesday, November 22 at Pontycymer Police Station at 6pm.

AM's surgeries

SUZY Davies, Conservative Assembly Member for South Wales West will hold surgeries for residents in Bridgend on Saturday, November 4.

She will be at Brackla Community Centre, 1 Whitethorn Dr, Brackla CF31 2PQ between 10am - 10.45am, and then at Bridgend Library, Bridgend Life Centre, Angel Street, Bridgend CF31 4AH between 11am and 12pm.

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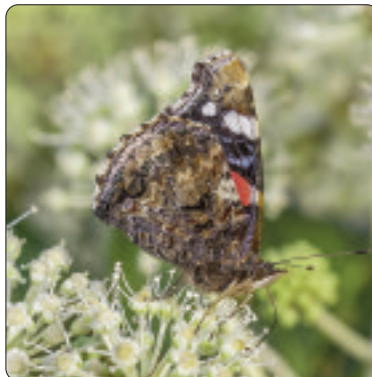
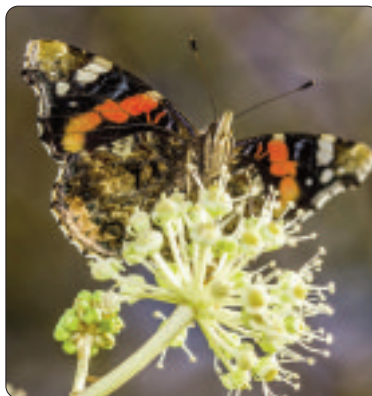
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BEES ARE BUZZING... and the butterflies are still fluttering



Bridgend choir members enjoy their Majorcan tour

FOLLOWING on from recent concert successes at home, Bridgend Male Choir embarked on its annual tour, to the Balearic Island of Majorca, and with three performances over three days certainly enhanced its reputation.

The concerts were in support of charity fundraising through the Anglican Church, Calvia Lions and Rotary International.

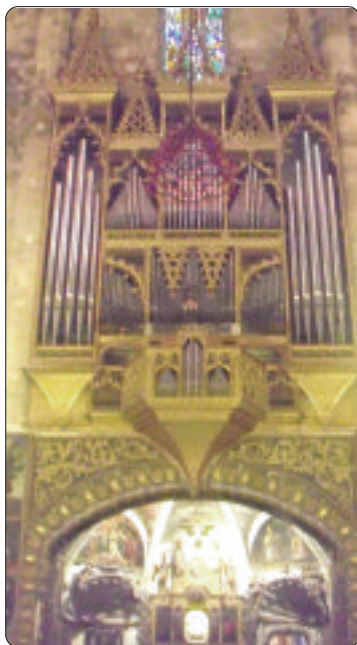
Prior to the concert at the Cap Vermall Cultural Centre, Cala Ratjada on Wednesday, the choir attended a welcoming reception with the Mayor and were entertained by the local choir and a display of typical Mallorquien dancing.

Thursday saw the choir entertain guests and local groups at their hotel, Hotel Zafiro Rey Don Jaime, Santa Ponsa.

The highlight of the tour was most certainly the final concert in the wonderful surroundings of the Gothic Roman Catholic Cathedral of Santa Maria of Palma, where an audience of well over 1,000 was entertained to a varied programme which included 'The Prayer' from *Lohengrin* by Wagner, 'Christus Salvator' by Gounod, along with great Welsh hymns, 'Builth' and 'Cwm Rhondda'.

Here, the audience saw an outstanding display by soloist Scott Williams, who entertained with pieces on the cathedral's magnificent Baroque organ, demonstrating his ability to master the most complex of instruments.

Musical director



The large organ at Palma Cathedral.

Ryan Wood demonstrated his control skills to get the best from his charges throughout and was ably supported by the exceptionally talented Stephanie Bailey on piano.

At Cala Ratjada, Ryan and Stephanie exhibited their talents further with the piano duet 'Berceuse' from the *The Dolly Suite* by Faure.

It was not all 'work', with ample time to sample the delights of the island with excursions to Capdepera, Palma and Bellver Castle, arranged throughout the principality by Calvia Tourist Board and the charity committee.

The choir's next local performance is on

November 24 at Our Lady & St Patrick's RC Church in Maesteg. The choir, along with guest soprano Angharad Morgan, will be performing in support of church funds.

The choir is always interested in attracting new members who will be made welcome at rehearsal, which is held every Thursday evening, 7.30pm - 9.30pm at Oldcastle School, South Street, Bridgend (CF31 3ED).

A very warm welcome will also be extended to visitors to the area to sit in at one of our practices. Please contact the choir secretary Mr Gareth Reese, 01656 862037 or 07773 170373 so that a proper welcome can be arranged.

I PICKED up my camera and wandered into my garden yesterday little expecting to find much to photograph.

I was in for a pleasant surprise though. It was hard to believe watching the insects in my garden yesterday in the warm afternoon sunshine that we are at the end of October. The red admiral butterfly was sunning itself on the *Fatsia Japonica* in my garden in Brynecethin, while the bumble bees were busy collecting pollen, before I knew it a couple of hours had passed.

Photos by Susan Dobbs Photography.

Help is at hand for the RAF Family

THE press continues to raise concerns about the roll out of Universal Credit which combines six benefits into one, and in some cases, will result in claimants having to wait up to six weeks before receiving their first payment of Universal Credit.

We at the RAF Benevolent Fund are passionate about helping all members of the RAF Family who are in need.

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benefits they were entitled to, such as housing benefit, council tax reduction or universal credit.

We are keen to hear from anyone who has served in the RAF, including their partners and dependants, who find themselves affected by the recent changes to the benefit system. We may be able to provide advice, advocacy or financial support to help alleviate your financial distress. We can also help in relation to other forms of financial distress.

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'The community always steps in when a government lets people down'

WHAT I really love about my job is the community spirit across the constituency.

For some people, times are particularly tough at the moment. Seven years of Conservative Government* cuts really are having an impact on the ground - to suggest they're not is to be walking around with your eyes closed. From the 'bedroom tax', to hidden rises to the state pension age, to Universal Credit looming just around the corner, it can seem like there are lots of things to worry about. But during these tough times, what surprises me again and again is the tenacity and the selfless reaction of the wider community.

From foodbanks to community gardens, there is always somebody out there trying to help out a neighbour who is struggling. For me, this was highlighted in the clearest fashion two weeks ago when I attended a Wings Cymru fundraiser in Aberkenfig. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the group, Wings stands for Women In Need Getting Support and it takes the form of a group of volunteers committed to helping women who cannot afford menstrual products.

Their core focus is to help end period poverty - something which clearly shouldn't even be an issue in 2017 Britain. It was a lovely evening which helped raise a great deal of money for those who need it most. It was so fantastic to see the community coming together in this way to help tackle this injustice.

It just can't be right that women in modern Britain are in a position where they have to choose between sanitary products and feeding themselves or their family. When this is happening something is going badly wrong.

Following the fundraiser, once I had returned to Westminster, I asked the Leader of the House, Andrea Leadsom MP, whether she would find time for MPs to debate this important subject and how the government's cuts impact women's access to sanitation.

She refused. I was astounded. When 85 per cent of the government's cuts fall on women and girls [The Independent, December 6, 2014:

Women bear 85% of burden after Coalition's tax and benefit tweaks] there is no mistake in what is happening to women across the UK.

The Conservatives are making a political choice and on this issue it is a particularly ugly one.



Column by CHRIS ELMORE MP

The contempt for the women and girls affected which Ms Leadsom MP illustrated was truly shocking.

It's wonderful that we have grassroots groups like Wings Cymru working in the community to raise money and solve these problems. They do brilliant and much-needed work to protect those whom the government has let down.

It's time the Conservatives stepped up to the plate and helped prevent more women from falling into period poverty. Sneering and refusing to debate the issue is simply not good enough.

Mr Elmore has announced his schedule of surgeries for November. These are as follows:

Saturday, November 4, 10am-11am | Pencoed (Chris Elmore MP's Office, 44a Penybont Road), with Huw Irranca-Davies AM;

Friday, November 10, 4pm - 5pm (Richard Price Centre, with Huw Irranca-Davies AM;

Friday, November 17, 11am - 12pm (Llanharan Rugby Club); Friday, November 24, 2pm - 3pm, (Tesco Maesteg)

Readers can get in touch with Mr Elmore by contacting his office on 01656 860034 or by emailing chris.elmore.mp@parliament.uk.

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Wordsmith on shortlist for a top poetry prize

PORHCRAWL poet Robert Minhinnick has been named as a contender for the TS Eliot Prize – regarded as the most prestigious prize for poetry in the UK.

It is for his latest book, entitled *Diary of the Last Man*, which is inspired by the coastline near his home in Porthcawl – more specifically the coast between the rivers Ogmore and Kenfig.

To be one of the 10 poets on the shortlist comes with a £1,500 prize, and the eventual winner, to be announced in 2018, will pick up £25,000.

Shortlisted are James Sheard's *The Abandoned Settlements*, Ocean Vuong's *Night Sky with Exit Wounds*, Michael Symmons Roberts' *Mancunia*, Leontia Flynn's *The Radio*, Tara Bergin's *The Tragic Death of Eleanor Marx*, Caroline Bird's *In these Days of Prohibition*, Douglas Dunn's *The Noise of a Fly*, Roddy Lumsden's *So Glad I'm Me* and Jacqueline Saphra's *All My Mad Mothers*.

Judges Bill Herbert, James Lasdun and Helen Mort selected the shortlist from a record 154 poetry collections submitted by publishers.

Herbert said: "This was a very strong year, and it was a privilege to read so many books that possessed as well as intrigued us; our shortlist explores grief, pleasure, place and history in a formidable variety of ways."



Robert Minhinnick.
(Photo by Eamon Bourke).

STAFF at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, were terrified when a man walked into the building, brandishing a "fearsome" weapon. **Cardiff Crown Court has heard.**

After a drinking session, alcoholic Darren Tipping had armed himself with a flick knife, said prosecutor Ian Kolvin.

Tipping, in an agitated state, repeatedly asked for help and appeared to be having a mental episode, he added.

Tipping, 48, a welder of Llys Owain, Brackla,

had been convicted by Cardiff and Vale Magistrates of a public order offence and of possessing an offensive weapon and had been committed to the Crown Court for sentence.

He was jailed for 10 months, the sentence suspended for 18 months, and ordered to attend treatment for alcoholism for six months and to pay costs of £300.

Judge Jeremy Jenkins said the weapon was "fearsome" and added: "Hospitals and their staff are coming under attack from members of the public more and more. They provide an essential service and the court

CARDIFF CROWN COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

will always protect them by passing condign punishment.

"You were obviously unwell at the time. Essentially, it was a cry for help. You were consuming a bottle of vodka a day and drugs and alcohol pushed you over the edge."

Mr Kolvin said that at about 7pm on August 29, Tipping walked into the hospital and asked for help.

Two cleaners said he

looked desperate and they felt sorry for him.

He said he wanted to see a psychologist but suddenly he took out a flick knife and flicked it open.

People were petrified

and he put it away.

Seconds later, he became agitated again and took out the knife. He approached two people holding the knife at neck level. Soon after, a police officer appeared and he was arrested.

Mr Kolvin said he later told the police he could not remember anything and he used

the knife to build model aircraft.

His solicitor, Adam Sharp, said: "The offences were born out of the use of alcohol and an intensive intervention is required."

"He is a very isolated individual and in 2011 made an attempt on his life. He apologises and says he is ashamed of his behaviour."

KPC'S CHRISTMAS CHARITY CHALLENGE

KPC YOUTH & Community has been selected to participate in the 'Big Give Christmas Challenge 2017', the UK's largest match-funding campaign.

Last year, thanks to generous supporters, the campaign raised over £7.2 million for participating charities across the UK.

We will be raising money for our local charity: KPC Youth & Community's 'Working for our Community'

project. The funding

would help us sustain and improve on what we offer, and increase the number of people who can benefit from what we do.

Donations to this project will be matched for seven days from 12pm on November 28, #GivingTuesday.

If you would like to support our work this year, we highly recommend doing so during the Christmas Challenge, when your donation will be doubled and make even more of a

difference to us.

The link is <https://secure.thebiggive.org.uk/projects/view/26895>. Perhaps think of ways that you or your workplace could do some fundraising towards this during November; it doesn't have to be a lot – but ideas may be: coffee morning, Dress Down Friday, raffle, cake sale

If you've any queries about how to donate to the Christmas Challenge, don't hesitate to get in touch with us at kpcyouth@hotmail.com Alison Mawby

Orchid Society

THE next meeting of the Cardiff and Vale Orchid Society is on Saturday, November 4 at the Old School Hall Sully at 2pm.

The speaker at this meeting will be Mr Roy Bailey-Wood, who is a renowned orchid grower in the Cardiff and Vale area. He will be giving an interesting and informative talk on general orchids and orchid care, especially Masdevallia's.

If you are interested in orchids and wish to know more, you are welcome to come and join us, everybody is welcome.

Pen-y-Fai WI get a touch of Abba-mania!

MEMBERS who braved the stormy weather to attend the October meeting were rewarded with a very informative talk on the work of the Dog's Trust by Linda Feagan, who has worked with them for nine years.

She told us that their aim is not to put down any dog that can be rehomed, even if they have medical or behavioural problems.

The trust has several centres that specialise in welfare and training programmes and dogs can be temporarily fostered while they attend. The trust is run on public donations and legacies.

Linda's incredibly well-behaved rescue dog, Ruby, attended the meeting with her and was given plenty of attention by the ladies. The vote of thanks was given by Gloria Gore.

The usual notices were given of forthcoming events for November, which includes a trip to Cardiff to see the musical *Beautiful*.

Later in the week several members attended the Glamorgan Federation annual dinner at the Hi Tide in Porthcawl. After a wonderful meal, there was entertainment from an Abba tribute act which was enthusiastically received, as most of the ladies knew all the songs and were keen to dance to them!

The November meeting will be on the 20th, when the speaker will be Allan Underhill on the subject of department stores.



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Angela's walk for The Samaritans

THE wife of one of our volunteers recently undertook a 100-kilometre walk along the El Camino Santiago route taking five days, in support of the Bridgend Samaritans.

Angela undertook the event to gain funds for the Bridgend Samaritans. Angela exceed her target of £500 as £826 was donated.

These funds, together with any associated Gift Aid, will be used to

purchase equipment for both our operations room and training room.

Bridgend Samaritans relies on charitable donations from the community to support the service.

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APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS DELIGHT FOR EMILY

A DETERMINED young lady, who has overcome many knockbacks on the way to becoming a valued member of St Aubin Nursery in Cowbridge, celebrated success at the Apprenticeship Awards Cymru final.

Emily Wintle, (18), from Llanharry, was named Traineeship Learner of the Year (Level 1) at the prestigious awards ceremony at the Celtic Manor Resort, Newport last week.

"This award means absolutely everything to me," she said. "A lot of things happened to me at school, including the loss of my best friend, which knocked my confidence down."

"This really proves that when you put your mind to something, you can achieve your ambition."

"I would like to thank St Aubin Nursery for giving me the opportunity to achieve this award. I couldn't ask for a better employer and I can't wait to see what the future brings."

Emily's award sponsor, Caroline Cooksley, development director at ACT Limited, congratulated her on her success: "Emily has started her learner journey on an exceptional footing at such a young age and I look forward to seeing her career develop further over the next couple of years," she said.

Jointly organised by the Welsh Government and the National Training Federation for Wales (NTFW), the coveted awards are sponsored by Pearson PLC and supported by media partner, Media Wales. The Apprenticeship



Emily Wintle receives her award from Caroline Cooksley, development director at ACT Limited.

Programme is funded by the Welsh Government with support from the European Social Fund.

Thirty star learners, employers and learning providers involved in the delivery of successful skills programmes across Wales were shortlisted for awards.

The awards are designed to showcase and celebrate the outstanding achievements of learners, employers, tutors and assessors who have excelled in contributing to the development of the Welsh Government's Traineeships and Apprenticeship programmes.

With Emily's hard work and the support of ACT Training in Bridgend, she completed her Level 1 Childcare Traineeship in a record time of three months with both the trainer and her employer understanding her difficulties.

Severely dyslexic and requiring a lot of extra support to

learn new skills, Emily was stated throughout school, where she was stigmatised for having learning difficulties and felt isolated, which affected her self-esteem and confidence.

Despite a lot of hard work and pressure, Emily struggled to gain the four GCSEs she needed for a college course in her dream career of musical theatre. After lots of knockbacks with employers not understanding her needs, Emily found herself a placement in childcare and has not looked back.

She is now working full time and undertaking a Foundation Apprenticeship in Childcare, with an Apprenticeship penciled in for next year.

Emily added: "Hard work and dedication has paid off. I am more determined than ever to reach my goal of becoming a nursery nurse."

Congratulating Emily on the award, Skills and Science Minister, Julie James said: "Each finalist has helped to set a gold standard in vocational training and this should be applauded."

"Apprenticeships and traineeships are an essential ingredient of economic success and a vital tool in building a stronger, fairer and more equal Wales. The Welsh Government, with support from the European Social Fund, regards apprenticeships and traineeships as an excellent way to build a skilled and competitive workforce, address skills shortages and strengthen the Welsh economy."

The crepuscular beauty of Autumnal Ogmore...



RECENT fine Autumnal conditions have brought the shutterbug out in many of us, and testament to this are the superb photographs of in and around the Vale and Bridgend this edition.

One photographer of note, and new to The GEM, is Taylor Owen Mason.

Until a mere five months ago studying at

Llantwit Major Comprehensive School, Taylor returns to the school in November and December to give a brace of lectures to pupils on photography.

The GEM will feature a piece with Taylor in a forthcoming edition, but for now visit @taylorowenmason on Instagram and @TaylorOwenMasonPhotography on Facebook to view more of his work.

PUBLIC NOTICE BRITISH STEEL COKING PLANTS DEADLINE - 23 FEBRUARY 2018

The High Court has appointed Hugh James and Irwin Mitchell as lead solicitors in a group action for conditions associated with employment at coke works operated by British Steel. Specifically:

- respiratory disease
- lung cancer
- temporary exacerbation of asthma
- squamous cell skin cancer

A closing date for notification of claims has been set by the Court as 23 February 2018.

If you think you or a deceased family member may have been affected and worked in a British Steel coke fuel plant as a coke oven worker and wish to consider joining the group, please contact Hugh James or Irwin Mitchell by 14 February 2018. They will send you further information and assess whether you may be eligible to join the group and claim compensation.

You may instruct an alternative solicitor other than Hugh James or Irwin Mitchell, and if you do it will be their responsibility to submit notice on behalf of any individual wishing to join the litigation to Hugh James and Irwin Mitchell and to the Defendants, before the closing date for notification of claims.

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Porthcawl News November 1917 – HOW THE TOWN'S 'BANTAM BATTALIONS' WERE IN THE FIRING LINE



Second Lieutenant HS Dowdeswell.



The grave of Second Lieutenant FT Rowland-Rowlands.

Local historian Ceri Joseph from Porthcawl Museum continues her series, looking back at life in the town, 100 years ago, as World War One still raged.

INTERNATIONALLY, November 1917 will always be remembered for the October Revolution in Russia.

So called because Russia followed the Julian calendar and as such, the date for them was attributed to October 24, which corresponded with November 6 in our Gregorian calendar.

The revolution, of course, signalled the Bolsheviks seizing power in Russia, which not only would have an enormous impact on global politics but, at the time, resulted in Russia pulling out of the war.

Another event that month which triggered international repercussions was a letter written on November 2 from British Foreign Secretary Arthur James Balfour to Baron Lionel Rothschild, Britain's most famous Jewish citizen.

In the letter, Balfour expressed the British Government's support for a Jewish homeland. Underpinning this decision was the hope that such a declaration would help gain Jewish support for the Allies from USA and Russia.

Prime Minister David Lloyd George also wished for British dominance in Palestine, as it would act as 'a land bridge' between India and Egypt, two countries already under British administration.

The Balfour Declaration would have a profound influence on post-war negotiations at The Treaty of Versailles in 1919, as Britain was entrusted with the administration of Palestine in the understanding that it would work with both Jews and Arabs to forge a peaceful conclusion.

This was not to be, as between the wars, the Jewish population of the region increased while the Palestinians did not receive what they had been promised: self-government.

Eventually, violence between the two sides

escalated. Following World War Two, the horrors of the Holocaust and British occupation of the region proving untenable, the State of Israel was formed in 1948.

Yet in November 1917, British forces were entrenched in the fighting for control of Gaza. After two failures to take Gaza earlier in the year, the newly-appointed General Edmund Allenby's plan to break through the Ottoman line into southern Palestine eventually proved a success.

Among the extra troops sent from Britain and the Commonwealth was 2nd Lieutenant Horace Scott Dowdeswell, 5th Battalion, Welsh Regiment.

Horace, born in Treherbert in 1898, was the only son of William and Amelia Elizabeth Dowdeswell, whose three younger children were girls.

His father Major William Dowdeswell, an architect by profession, followed his older brother Thomas into the 3rd Volunteer Battalion, Welsh Regiment in 1889 and on the formation of the Territorial Force in 1908, transferred to the 5th Battalion, with whom he served at Gallipoli, being invalided home on October 7, 1915.

It was soon afterwards that the family moved to 'Penoyne' Mary Street, Porthcawl. Yet young Horace often stayed with his Uncle Thomas and Aunt Sarah at Llansteffan, Pembrokeshire.

Horace himself was commissioned into the Welsh Regiment and was posted to Egypt to join the 5th Battalion, Welsh Regiment which was attached to 53rd (Welsh) Division.

He took part in the advance into Palestine from March 1917 onwards, and was killed in action while leading his company into a storm of Turkish machine gun fire on November 3. Horace was 19 years old, and is buried at Beersheba War Cemetery, Israel.

Horace is remembered on his parents' grave in St John's Church, Newton and on the 5th Battalion Memorial on Pontypridd Common.

On the Western Front, November 20 at the Battle of Cambrai, hundreds of tanks breached the German Hindenburg Line for the first time in a surprise attack. Yet within three weeks any British advantage had been lost, resulting in many casualties. Among them were most of the officers



Esplanade Hotel, with Marine Hotel to the right.



The Pier Hotel.

and men of the 17th/18th Battalion, Welsh Regiments who died defending the British position at Bourn Wood, November 23.

Both battalions began life at Porthcawl. In 1914, the height restriction of 5'6" for enlistment was removed. Consequently at the Esplanade Hotel the 17th Battalion, 1st Glamorgan Bantams began enlisting on December 22; and then on January 31, 1915 as the last recruits of the 17th Battalion left, the first recruits of the 18th Battalion, 2nd Glamorgan Bantams arrived.

After the war, due to the close ties established with the town, the standard of the 18th Battalion was brought to Porthcawl and still hangs today in All Saints' Church.

The South Wales Borderers were also engaged at Cambrai, near Rumilly-En-Cambresis. They had within their ranks 2nd Lieutenant Franklyn Theodore Rowland Rowlands, who was reported missing in action November 21, 1917.

Franklyn was the only child born on September 25, 1898 to Rowland and Mary Rowlands. As a consequence of his profession as a barrister, his father Rowland often travelled to London where he met and married Mary, an American citizen on September 30, 1896 in Thorpe St Mary, Surrey; where Franklyn was later christened on February 25, 1899.

Yet Franklyn was born at Torrington Cottage, The Square, Porthcawl. In the 1901 Census, Franklyn is found still living there with his Uncle Charles, a law student and a domestic nurse while his parents are once again back in London. Uncle Charles went on to play rugby for London Welsh after the war.

In the 1911 Census the family are based in St John's Wood, where they stayed until May 1918 when Rowland Rowlands, Barrister, was appointed as Judge of the No 30 (Swansea District Circuit).

That same month they received a telegram confirming that their son, Franklyn, had been killed and had been 'buried by the enemy.' He and Mary then moved to Clevis Cottage, Newton where she died in 1928 and he in 1935.

Although throughout his life his parents largely remained in London, Franklyn tended to return to Porthcawl during school holidays from Westminster College and later Sandhurst, to stay with his grandfather Moses at Beach View,

Victoria Avenue and play golf at the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club until his posting to France on October 26, 1917.

2nd Lieutenant Franklyn Theodore Rowland Rowlands was later buried by the CWGC at Marconi British Cemetery and is remembered on the Porthcawl Memorial. He was 19 years old.

On the home front, residents of the town were beginning discussions for a town war memorial. These first meetings centred on how it was going to be financed and where it was to be sited. Many more meetings were called before both were decided.

Further, soldiers home on leave or for convalescence were also being thought of. 'Thousands who gathered outside the Council Chambers (SPAR today) witnessed the presentations made to local heroes.' (Porthcawl News November 15, 1917) – of watches, rings and other such mementoes, which continued until the end of the war.

In late November, a Licenced Victuallers meeting was held at the Pier Hotel to complain about the new laws on the state control of alcohol. Excessive drinking was thought to be a threat to munitions production.

To counter this, the government took the drastic step of nationalising some public houses, reduced alcohol content, increased prices, and introduced the sale of food into pubs.

The initiative was first trialled in the Carlisle-Gretna District where it was also prohibited to serve alcohol to people under the age of 18. The scheme proved so successful that the act was encouraged throughout the country after the war.

Another tide of change in wartime, women working outside the home, was prevalent in the town as it was reported in the local newspaper that 'Miss Matthews, ticket collector, Porthcawl Station has been appointed travelling ticket collector.' (Porthcawl News November 8, 1917.)

Finally, news reached the town through a report in the GWR Railway Magazine that 25 German prisoners engaged at making a road through an orchard at Pencoe had escaped. By 8pm that same day, two prisoners had reached Llanwrn! Mr W Evans, station master at Llanwrn gave chase on his bike and overtook them. When challenged they surrendered.

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OLDCASTLE Primary School is delighted to be in with a chance of winning up to £25,000 if successful with the Aviva Community Fund, and the school are hoping that the local community will be able to help them secure the funds!

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Oldcastle Primary have applied for funding in the health and

wellbeing category, with the aim of developing the playground space into a multi-use games area for all the children.

Headteacher Jeremy Malessa Thompson, said: "Our playground is in desperate need of an overhaul. We would like to be able to create a multi-use games area for a whole range of sports and other activities. The school playground is a focal point in our school.

"However, the hard surface does not allow us to use the facility area as much as we would like. If successful, we would use

the funding to redesign the playground into areas that would enable more of our children to participate in sports activities and outdoor learning opportunities.

"We hope the local community will be able to support us!"

Anyone can vote for the Oldcastle Primary project – simply log onto www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk or visit the school's specific page <https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-2776> Voting takes place until November 21.

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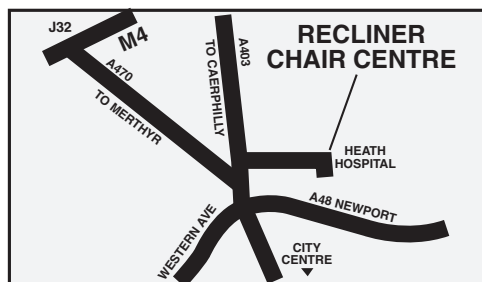
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STUDIO VIVA - A very different kind of gym

THE run-of-the-mill (treadmill) gym – with floor to ceiling mirrors, lots of Lycra and complex training machines – can be a rather daunting environment.

Having a workout can feel quite isolating with rows of machines facing the same way, everyone plugged into their iPhones and little chance for a chat.

Sure, you might get fit, but a sense of enjoyment, companionship and fun will tend to be missing, and these aspects are important, especially for women.

Enter Louise Shakespeare, an effervescent young mother of three and MD of Studio Viva Ladies Fitness in Cowbridge. She was a stay-at-home mum who joined a ladies-only gym in Cowbridge after the birth of her third child three years ago.

When the gym Louise was a member of faced sudden closure, she realised that for many of the members, the gym was not just about the fitness aspect, but also about the social interaction.

She hit upon the idea of creating a co-



Louise Shakespeare, MD of Studio Viva Ladies Fitness, at the light, bright, airy and friendly gym in Cowbridge.

operative of ex-members to set up and run a new-ladies only fitness facility. Sure enough, Louise gathered enough interest and Studio Viva Ladies Fitness was born. The co-operative is made up of 14

shareholders ranging in age from late 30s to early 80s and all will be taking turns in manning the gym along with qualified personal trainer, Emma Murphy.

Its style is as unique as its set up, and is situated on the first floor of Eagle House,

Westgate, above Marley's barbers.

Through the door, up the stairs and into a light, white, airy space with a high-vaulted roof, stylish decor and a welcoming atmosphere, it's nothing like a typical gym, and that's exactly how they wanted it explains Louise.

"We wanted to create a gym for all women, regardless of age, size or ability where they can feel comfortable, relaxed and welcome. They don't have to worry about wearing the latest

gear, feeling self-conscious or not knowing what to do.

"Supporting and encouraging our members to feel good about themselves and reach their goals is what we are all about."

Louise adds: "We work quite differently from other gyms. All of our shareholders are passionate about our concept and will be chipping in to run the gym daily, so one day I'll be on reception; the next day it will be one of our retired ladies."

Whoever is manning the studio, you will be certain of a warm welcome and as a member you'll have lots to look forward to, like regular social events.

The studio promotes an active lifestyle and it certainly oozes life, which, given part of its name is *viva*, is entirely appropriate.

At its core is a 30-minute gym circuit designed especially for women which can be slotted in at any time of day that suits the member. Along with the circuit, Louise says that much more is on offer.

Studio Viva Ladies Fitness, 1st Floor Studio, Eagle House, 1 Westgate, Cowbridge. 01446 679919 or info@studiovivafitness.co.uk.

Valeways walkers in Pendoylan

IT was a misty, murky morning when nine Valeways walkers met John at the Red Lion in Pendoylan for a six-mile walk.

They set off along the road, passing the 14th century church dedicated to St Cadoc before heading off over newly-ploughed fields to the hamlet of Tre Dordridge.

After walking for a short distance uphill, they turned into a very wet and muddy field heading towards Hensol Forest.

They crossed a fast-flowing

stream and climbed to enter the forest. Walking through the trees was eerily quiet. They crossed the road and walked along the track which brought them to the forest car park. Here, a short coffee break was taken and as the mizzle had stopped, coats were removed.

Walking a few yards along the road brought them to a stile by an old derelict barn. They crossed this and the adjoining stream, before crossing several fields towards Ty'r Mynydd before heading uphill towards Welsh St Donats.

As they approached the church, four alpacas escorted them safely

over the field and the 15th century stone stile into the churchyard.

The first house on the road through the village has a black post box (disused) which showed six collections a day, with the last collection being 8pm!

The walkers followed the path through the forest to Warren Farm and down the hill through fields and over a ford to reach the road, where a short walk brought them back to the pub.

Many thanks to the Red Lion for the use of the car park and for their hospitality.

John Treby

Fatal road traffic collision on the A48

SOUTH Wales Police is still investigating a fatal road traffic collision which happened at around 7.20am on Saturday, October 28 when a white Skoda Octavia was collided with a group of three cyclists on the A48 between the Cowbridge by-pass and Pentre Meurig.

A 26-year-old man from Cardiff was declared deceased at the scene and two other cyclists were taken by ambulance to the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend

with non life-threatening injuries.

The road was closed in both directions to allow investigations to take place.

A 36 year-old local man has been arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving.

Officers investigation the incident are appealing for any witnesses, or anyone who may have seen the manner in which the car was being driven prior to the collision, to call South Wales Police on 101 or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 and quote reference 1700418785.

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Lab Sid is Sue's right-hand man

Sue Dyer with Sid, her guide dog.



ALL guide dogs play a role in keeping their owners safe, but the Vale has one partnership that is extra-special.

Sid, a two-year-old yellow Labrador retriever, is one of only two working guide dogs in Wales trained to walk on his owner's right instead of the left.

This allows his owner, Sue Dyer of Barry, to use a walking stick in her left hand after a fall left her with chronic back pain.

Sue began losing her sight to an aggressive form of age-related macular degeneration eight years ago. "I only knew because I was putting on make-up and, when I closed one eye, I couldn't see anything," she said.

"I'd been working as a taxi driver and had just bought a new car when the second eye went and I had to give up."

"I hated going out unless someone was with me, and felt people were staring at my cane. Being partially sighted meant I wouldn't leave the house for a fortnight at a time."

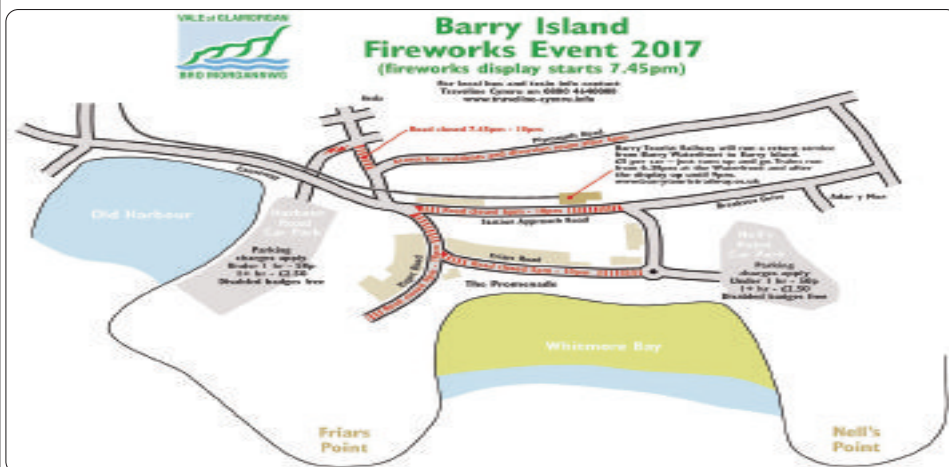
Sue was put in touch with Guide Dogs Cymru, who provided her with a four-legged solution in the form of Sid. "He has made a big difference and given me a lot of confidence," she said. "I've been into town, and into the school yard to collect my grandson, which I hated doing before I had the dog."

"Guide dogs make people more friendly. If you walk with a stick, people get out of your way and don't talk to you. But they will talk to you if you have a guide dog."

Senior practitioner Tony Harvey, who retrained Sid to work on the right, said: "People with various different sight conditions can be helped by a guide dog and you do not have to be totally blind to be eligible."

"Sid allows Sue to make the most of the vision she has and, thanks to Guide Dogs' innovative training methods, he made the switch to right-hand working with ease."

PLAN YOUR FIREWORKS ROUTE



ABOVE: There will be road closures on Barry Island in the lead up to the firework display.

Rhooose surgery

CLLRS Matt Lloyd and Gordon Kemp of Rhooose Ward invite residents to their next local surgery, at Celtic Way community hall on Saturday, November 4 between 10am - 11am. Residents are welcome to come and raise any local issues.

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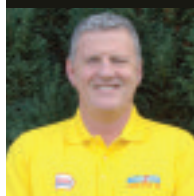
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DIAG stages a Hallowe'en protest



DIAG supporters staging their Hallowe'en protest.



ON Saturday, October 28 motorists passing Barry Dock Offices were treated to the spectacle of characters in fancy dress protesting against the Biomass plant.

A spokesman for the Docks Incinerator Action Group, which is opposed to the plant being allowed to operate, said: "The ghostly ghouls, young and old, had shambled to the foot of the David Davies statue to make their protest in the land of the living."

The spooksperson claimed that passing motorists were not disturbed by protest, but showed solidarity with the spooks by "tooting their horns".

GEM readers may recall last week's harrowing report of a Vale farmer whose livelihood is threatened by a dog (or dogs) that has attacked his sheep.

The possibility that it might be the same dog has arisen because the attacks always happen on Wednesday.

Ben Jones and his family welcomed visitors to his farm in Hensol to talk about the sad and disturbing events.

Ben Jones, who runs a 65 acre tenant sheep farm on the outskirts of Hensol in the Vale of Glamorgan with his wife Julia, lost nearly a fifth of his stock due to dog attacks.

The couple, who have a five-month old daughter, spent years building up their farming business but are now close to giving it up completely.

Ben initially started renting land in Dyffryn where he encountered two of his sheep being killed by a dog and the stress of the attack causing most of his flock to abort their lambs.

He said: "The field had a footpath going through it and many



In happier days are (left to right): Tom Jones (South Wales Farm vets); Julia and Ben Jones with their daughter Jessica; and FUV senior policy officer Dr Hazel Wright.

people use it to walk their dogs. Finding my sheep like that was just devastating. I don't understand why those walking in the countryside just can't keep their dogs on a lead. These attacks were so unnecessary."

Wanting to avoid any further incidents, he started renting land on an annual tenancy in Hensol in May 2015 but has since then had three separate attacks on his sheep there.

"I thought this land here was more suitable because there is no public right of way through the fields. So you can just about imagine our devastation when we found our next lot of sheep savaged by a dog."

"In July this year six of our ewes were killed by a dog and eight injured. The lambs never grew to any significant weight afterwards and one of the ewes killed was a Texel that I only purchased two weeks before."

The Texel ewe had previously been wormed and bolused and was killed by a dog. That one attack alone cost him in excess of £1,800 including the loss of the ewes, vet fees and disposal fees.

Another attack came at the start of October, following which nine ewes were killed and four were badly injured to the extent that they can no longer be used for breeding.

Two weeks later another three ewes were killed and three badly injured.

"The injured ewes can no longer be used for breeding. So, I am not only losing my livestock but the ones I have left are so stressed and damaged that I can't breed from them anymore," said Ben.

The most recent attack happened on Wednesday October 18, killing a further three ewes and injuring another four, an attack Ben saw in action.

"For some reason the

attacks always happen on Wednesday. It's really quite unbelievable. This time round I saw the dog while it was attacking a ewe.

"I tried to catch it but it ran away. I managed to get a photo of it but have no idea whom it belongs to or where it has come from."

"The advice I had from the police is to shoot it but I don't have a shotgun license and it takes 16 weeks to get one. By the time that comes through I might not have any sheep left," he said.

Speaking after the meeting, FUV senior policy officer Dr Hazel Wright said: "What we need to protect farm businesses from the severe financial and emotional stress, is improved public awareness, coupled with central recording of incidents, tighter regulation and better enforcement."

"Because of such attacks, farm businesses like Ben's lose stock, production decreases due to stress on the animals, and farmers have to deal with their



One of the ewes that was killed.

animals aborting lambs and calves and with that the loss of future earnings from stock.

"I urge those walking their dogs in the countryside to put their dogs on a lead and it also critical that farmers come forward and report such incidents to the police."

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WICK COMMUNITY GROUP MAKES GOOD USE OF A BUMPER APPLE HARVEST



The art competition entries.

The Wick Apple Festival 2017 on October 22, organised by Sustainable Wick Community Group (SWCG) was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended. For the third year running we had dry, sunny weather.

A lot of people brought their own apples and learnt what is involved in the apple pressing process, where the apple juice is extracted and then taken home in containers to drink over the following few days or to store and turn into cider.

For the first time this year, a children's art competition was exhibited at the event, with children from Wick and Marcross C/W Primary School and Wick Play Group taking part.

We would like to thank all the members of staff who helped to organise this, the children who entered the competition and the judges.

There was a mix of other activities including; a quiz for all age groups, apple related games, the sale of local preserves



ABOVE: Students from Atlantic College.



and a greenwood working workshop which were well received.

On behalf of SWCG I would thank all those who; attended the event,

including GVS, Atlantic College, St Donats Art Centre, Wick Youth Club and donations and help from members and the

We look forward to next year's event.

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Fireworks warning from superhero

WESTERN Power Distribution's (WPD) very own superhero, 'Pylonman', has stepped in to urge everyone to stay safe around bonfires and fireworks.

Pylonman has issued his message to help prevent accidents on and around Bonfire Night, as well as other celebrations such as Diwali, New Year's Eve and Chinese New Year.

Bonfire organisers are being urged to 'look up - look out' to check for power lines and electrical equipment when planning events and to keep bonfires and fireworks well away from them.

Pylonman's message is simple: "Safety is a number one priority for WPD, so always stay vigilant and carry out some quick checks to your surroundings so everyone stays safe when displays take place.

"Smoke and heat from bonfires and fireworks can cause damage to electrical equipment and may affect power



WPD's superhero Pylonman says: "Stay Safe around bonfires and fireworks."

supplies causing wider disruption."

The superhero adds: "It's important to have fun, but it's also important that you don't hurt yourself or others, so make sure you follow my simple rules and the Firework Code."

Pylonman's rules are:

- Use fireworks OUTDOORS in a clear area away from buildings and vehicles
- Always read the label instructions before igniting fireworks
- A responsible adult should supervise all firework activities.
- Never give fireworks

- Wear safety glasses when igniting fireworks
- Light one firework at a time and then quickly move away
- Never relight a 'dud' firework. Wait 20 minutes then soak it in a bucket of water
- Always have a bucket of water handy and a charged water hose nearby
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket or shoot them from metal or glass containers.

For more safety tips and information about the Firework code visit: www.rosa.co.uk

TALES FROM THE FRONT FOR BARRY MEN'S FORUM

BARRY Men's Forum welcomed a return visit of Gavin Davies, a military historian, at its recent meeting.

Mr Davies gave a talk with very graphic illustrations on the Battle of Messines Ridge in June 1917, which was a final turning point to the eventual end of the First World War involving personnel from Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Britain.

The British, ANZAC and Canadian troops were led by Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig and General Sir Herbert Plumer.

The battle was fought on location in Flanders, Belgium and called to Nash.

mind many of the towns from the Great War such as Ypres, Ploegsteert and Passchendaele.

This battle has been made famous for the great loss of life by troops of both sides, and the result of the battle was victory over the enemy, the troops of the German Empire.

New members are always welcome and meetings take place from 9.45am to 12 noon on Thursdays at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Aberystwyth Crescent, Barry.

Further details can be obtained from chairman Mac Tanner on 01446 743455. The next speaker will be Rosemary Scadden, who will talk on 'The edge of the Severn Estuary to Nash.'



Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, KT, GCB, GCVO, KCIE, Commander-in-Chief, France, from December 15, 1915. Painted at General Headquarters, May 30, 1917 by Sir William Orpen, RA. © IWM (Art.IWM ART 324).



This sketch of General Sir Herbert Plumer appeared in the 1917 journal The War

PACT MEETINGS

GIBBONSDOWN PACT will be held at The Residents Board Office, Coychurch Rise, Barry on November 14 at 10.30am.

DYFAN PACT will take place at Highlight Park Community Centre, Barry on November 19 at 7pm.

CADOC - Meet your local officer will at Waitrose, Palmerton Road, Barry on November 20 between 2pm and 4pm.

ILLTYD PACT will be held at All Saints Church Hall, Park Road Barry on November 20 at 6pm.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto www.south-wales.police.uk where you will find contact details for your local PCSO.

Thomas Cook triple flights from Cardiff Airport

THOMAS COOK has tripled the number of flights to Turkey from Cardiff Airport for summer 2018, following a pick-up in demand for holidays to the destination this summer.

A new service will be a weekly flight to Antalya, and there will be a second weekly flight to Dalaman from Cardiff.

The new Antalya and Dalaman flights will operate on Fridays, starting May 4, 2018 and May 25, 2018 respectively.

A Thomas Cook spokesperson said: "Turkey has been the third most popular destination for Brits this summer.

"Dalaman is a cultural jewel in the heart of the Turquoise Coast that

combines adrenaline-fuelled adventure with unique access to some of the country's best historical treasures.

"A little further along the coast, and known as the Pearl of the Mediterranean, the resorts around Antalya combine natural beauty, buzzing beaches and archaeological gems."

Spencer Birns, commercial director at Cardiff Airport, said: "It's positive to see one of our valued airlines responding to requests from our customers to add more flights to Turkey.

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Vale Poppy Appeal launched



Corporal Oliver Fudge and Corporal Rhian Horton were joined by Vale Mayor Cllr Janice Charles. Photograph by John O'Beirne

AIR Cadets helped launch the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal at Tesco, Stirling Road, Barry, on Saturday, October 28.

Mayor of the Vale, Cllr Janice Charles, joined them and said: "I would like to say 'thank you' to all the volunteers

throughout the Vale who are part of the magnificent 'army' who distribute these paper poppies throughout the nation, collecting donations which support the work for all generations of the Armed Forces' community.

"I am also honoured to wear this poppy as a symbol of Remembrance for the Fallen."

Sherry-loving brothers launch a celebration week

The Bar 44 Group, one of the longest standing Spanish restaurant groups in the UK, is putting on some special events to celebrate International Sherry Week (November 6-12).

Brothers Tom and Owen Morgan will host a series of events across all Bar 44 and Asador 44 locations in Cowbridge, Penarth and Cardiff.

Festivities will include special offers on flights of sherry at each restaurant, sherry cocktails created by the Bar 44 mixologists and a specially designed five-course tapas and sherry pairing menu.

Asador 44 in Cardiff will also offer a four-course set lunch or dinner with carefully chosen sherries by resident sommelier, Fergus Muirhead.

On November 6, Bar 44 will live video link to Jerez, for a live tasting session with Master

Wine Blender, Antonio Flores, 2016 'Best Fortified Wine Maker in the World.'

Customers also have the opportunity to pick up some skills and learn the traditional art of pouring sherry from the barrel. Visitors to Bar 44 Penarth will learn how to pour with a traditional 'venencia' in a free masterclass session on November 12.

Bar 44's love for sherry stems from owner Owen Morgan, who is one of the very few 'Official Sherry Educators' in the UK and the first in Wales.

The accolade was awarded to Owen after he passed a rigorous, three-day examination in Jerez, where he was quizzed on sherry production theory and took tricky blind tasting tests.

For more information about the International Sherry Week celebrations at Bar 44 and to book a table, visit: www.bar44.com.

Author launches novel in Penarth

ON November 10, Griffin Books will host an event with poet and author Katherine Stansfield at Waterloo Tea on Stanwell Road.

Katherine teaches creative writing at Cardiff University, although she grew up in Cornwall. She appeared at a Penarth Literature Festival event in July reading her poetry, but this time around she'll be discussing her new novel 'Falling Creatures', a fictional re-imagining of a notorious true crime that took place in Bodwin (her home town) in 1844.

Tickets are £10, including a free drink and money off the book, and are available from Griffin Books and ticketsource.co.uk.



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Jakub said the mission will be one of the most worthwhile things he has ever been involved in: "Meeting the people of Yerevan and those trying to help them on the ground will be a truly humbling



Jakub Wiatr from Malmo Hearing is taking 'the gift of hearing' to Armenia.

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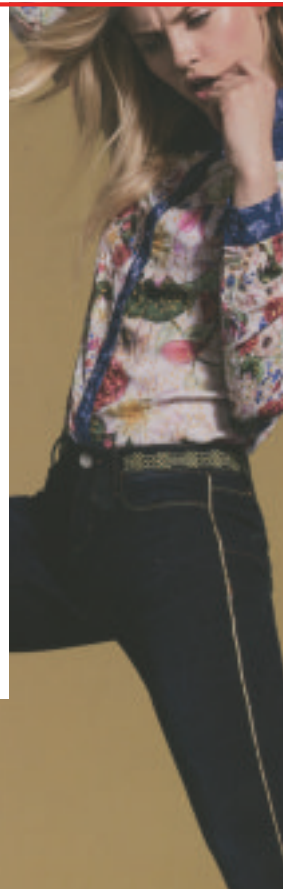
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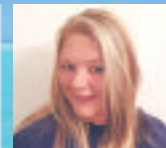
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Assembly committee to examine issue of suicide in Wales

A NEW Welsh Government inquiry will look at issues surrounding suicide in Wales and what is being done to address it.

The National Assembly's Health, Social Care and Sport Committee will be examining the reasons why between 300 and 350 people kill themselves in Wales each year.

Suicide is a major cause of death for people aged 15-44, and about three quarters of people who commit suicide are men.

The committee will also look at the Welsh Government's suicide and self-harm prevention strategy – 'Talk to me 2', which is designed to reduce numbers through promoting and supporting programmes

and services across the country.

In evidence to the committee's inquiry on loneliness and isolation earlier this year, Samaritans Cymru praised the content of 'Talk to me 2', but raised concerns about its local implementation which is said to be 'patchy'.

"More than 300 people a year in Wales reach a point where they feel the only way out of a situation is to take their own lives," said Dai Lloyd AM, chair of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

"We want to know what is being done to help people who feel this way and whether we should be doing more.

"We will be looking at the extent of the problem and its causes, the social and economic impact of suicides and the effectiveness of the Welsh Government's

approach to suicide prevention.

"This is a deeply emotive subject for many people. Anyone affected by issues surrounding suicide and who is thinking of contributing should know their submission will be treated sensitively.

"I would urge anyone contemplating harming themselves or taking their own life to seek help, either through their GP or counselling services such as the Samaritans."

Anyone wishing to contribute to the inquiry should visit the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee's web page, or write to Clerk to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff, CF99 1NA.

The consultation closes on Friday, December 8, 2017.

'Energetic' Coco needs a home

COCO is a one-and-a-half year old Staffie, and is a dog with a larger than life personality.

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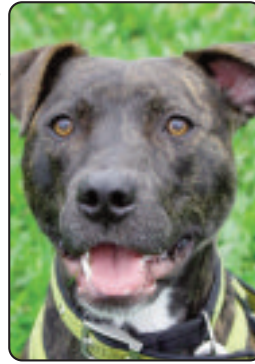
Coco would prefer to live in an adult-only home with no other pets, so that she can have all the attention.

She would suit a family who would enjoy training, as Coco is very enthusiastic when it comes to learning new things.

She will need some continued work with distractions once in the home, such as walking past dogs as she can get frustrated when passing them.

Coco has a sweet nature and would make a great companion.

If you would like to know more about Coco, then contact Dogs Trust Bridgend on 01656 725219 or call into the centre at Court Colman, CF31 4NG. You can also visit the website at www.dogstrust.org.uk.



Committee report seeks 'real cost of Welsh laws'

THE Welsh Government should "consider options to monitor and evaluate how much new laws are actually costing", according to a National Assembly committee.

The Finance Committee believes closer scrutiny is needed to find out where costs are coming from and who is incurring those costs, and to ensure the accuracy of how estimates are put together when laws are first introduced as bills.

Although financial estimates of proposed legislation are scrutinised as part of the Assembly's law-making process, it only happens at the first stage when a Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) is published along with a Bill.

The Finance Committee noted that it would be possible to amend the RIA at later stages without suitable scrutiny of the changes.

In the case of the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Bill a £12.7 million alteration was made to the Welsh Government's estimate.

On that occasion, at the request of the Finance Committee, the government agreed to delay the Bill's progress to allow further scrutiny.

The Committee also wants to see more scrutiny of costs incurred through subordinate legislation, such as regulations which are added after a law is passed. Currently there is no formal mechanism to establish the accuracy of the estimates.

"Public finances are coming under increasing pressure as austerity and uncertainty surrounding Brexit continue to take their toll," said Plaid

Cymru's Simon Thomas AM, Chair of the Finance Committee.

"As more powers and responsibilities are devolved to the Assembly, it is essential we have robust procedures for ensuring both laws and the costs that come with them are as accurate as they can be for the people of Wales.

"This Committee accepts that the estimates which accompany new legislation are just that, but we believe that there should be more opportunity to monitor and evaluate these costs, both to ensure value for money, but also to increase the accuracy of the processes which produce the estimates in the first place.

"We are recommending that the Welsh Government do more to ensure that public bodies are not routinely incurring higher costs than those anticipated, and that the Assembly is informed when there are significant alterations made to RIAs."

The Committee makes 14 recommendations in its report, including:

The Welsh Government should build evaluation periods into its assessment of the costs of legislation to allow for review and evaluation of transitional funding;

The summary information included in RIAs contain explicit reference to how any costs identified in the RIA will be funded and by whom and;

The Welsh Government commit to providing as full a picture of the costs of subordinate legislation as possible when proposing primary legislation.

The report has been sent to the Welsh Government for consideration.

Art on show in local care homes

AGE CYMRU held an event at the Senedd recently, showcasing its 'national arts in care homes programme' called 'cARTrefu Cymru'.

The two-year project has worked with 20 artists to 'deliver' nearly 1,000 art sessions to more than 120 care homes across Wales.

Residents, staff and cARTrefu

artists spoke about their experiences and the positive impact of art and creative activity on residents' wellbeing.

The sponsor of the event, Ogmere AM Huw Irranca-Davies, stated: "It was good hear about this inspiring project that uses art while working with older people in care settings.

"Helping residents maintain

health and well-being, it also provides an opportunity to learn new skills and improve social skills."

The programme is funded by the Arts Council of Wales and the Baring Foundation. Residents and care home staff were involved in a variety of art forms, including dance, music, painting and creative writing.

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Out & About with The GEM

It's fair to say Thor's latest adventure (Ragna)-roks!

OF all the main Avengers, it seems Thor's had the most difficult few years. All was well when he made his bow in the Kenneth Branagh-directed *Thor*, and he had a whale of a time defending New York and getting quippy in *The Avengers*, but since then, it's not been so good.

The *Thor* sequel, *The Dark World*, was one of the weakest entries in the Marvel canon to date, while his most important scenes in *Avengers* sequel *Age of Ultron* ended up on the cutting room floor, making his visions of a greater evil all that more befuddling.

It's safe to say that the old 'God of Thunder' needs something of a spruce up, an injection of something a bit different – *Thor: Ragnarok*, under the auspices of director Taika Waititi, promises that.

It sees the titular character (played by Chris Hemsworth) on the search for that greater evil he foresaw in *Age of Ultron*; but

when a chain of events sees him beaten and banished by the deadly Hela (Cate Blanchett), he finds himself on Sakaar, a planet where competitors battle each other, overseen by the Grandmaster (Jeff Goldblum).

While there, Thor finds himself in battle with a familiar green face – The Hulk (Mark Ruffalo), and the pair soon hatch a plan to escape the planet and tackle Hela head on; but they'll need the help of new friends (Tessa Thompson's Valkyrie) and old (Tom Hiddleston's Loki)...

You get the sense that with their new-placed emphasis on the magical and mystical, Marvel seem to know where their foundations are, and what they can and can't do to give their characters a freshen-up. Thor was a character most certainly in need of a new coat of paint, and in *Ragnarok*, director Taika Waititi has done this and more. It's by no means flawless, but it is hugely fun and exciting.

With mega-sequel(s) *Infinity War* on the horizon, you would expect that the films produced in the run-up to this climactic chapter would be having to carry some of that

weight, yet odd nods here and there aside, this is a film focused on Thor, that feels lighter and more breezy than previous outings. That it manages this while not losing focus on the overarching drama is a testament indeed to director Waititi.

Known for (far smaller) fare such as *Hunt For The Wilderpeople*, the hilarious *What We Do In The Shadows* and *Eagle vs Shark*, Waititi's comedic chops are without question – but can he make his voice heard above the blockbuster din? The answer is yes.

There are countless moments of wonderful comedy that have his hallmark, but to be able to mesh this with the scale of these films and not lose his signature shows how accomplished a director, and how well-marshalled, this film is. Visually the film is a kaleidoscope of colour and vibrancy, while a small set-piece that gives you some background to how deadly Hela can be is gorgeously realised.

Waititi is also fortunate in that in Chris Hemsworth you have an actor capable of being the big hero, yet also willing to embrace



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the buffoonish elements of the son of a God. If he's shown glimpses before (as well as his small, but standout, turns in the likes of *Ghostbusters* and *Vacation*), here he unleashes full comedic chops and comes up with the goods time and again.

Surrounding him are the likes of Mark Ruffalo's Bruce Banner/Hulk, who is as dependable as always. The conflict between the two sides of his personality perhaps could have been better explored but that's no slight on the actor's performance.

Tessa Thompson

gives an incredible turn as Valkyrie, all beer-swigging and henchmen-kicking, while Tom Hiddleston is, as always, good value as Thor's brother (and general mischief-maker) Loki.

Throw in an absolute zinger of a performance from Jeff Goldblum as the scheming Grandmaster, a creation where you can't see the join between character and actor, and you have some superb turns.

It's just a shame that the Marvel Achilles heel kicks in with the villains – on paper, Cate Blanchett playing the Goddess of Death should be amazing, yet she doesn't really land with any great force, some pithy asides apart, while Karl Urban's Skurge is undercooked to the point of being raw.

In a way that is *Ragnarok*'s main weakness – that it moves with such a fast pace and a relentless drive that it sometimes

fails to bring the characters along for the ride, and certain plot elements don't connect the way they should because of this.

But that aside, this is still an incredibly fun, humorous and massively entertaining slice of Marvel, in what has been a very good year film-wise for the studio; it's fair to say that this latest *Thor* film most certainly does (Ragna)-rok!

VERDICT: Offering a different side to Thor could have been a risky move, but in the hands of Taika Waititi, the director has reignited the character with the hugely entertaining *Ragnarok*. The film feels light of foot, fizzles with energy, and if it moves at perhaps too fast a pace at times, it still provides maximum enjoyment. *Highly recommended.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Spider-Man: Homecoming* (2017), *Big Trouble in Little China* (1986).

Win a copy of *Countryside Kitchen: Farm, Food, Fork*



READERS may recall a piece on local farmer Jacob Anthony in last week's GEM in relation to the launch of a new cookery book called *Countryside Kitchen: Farm, Food, Fork*.

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Countryside Kitchen can be bought via the NFU *Countryside website* www.countrysideonline.co.uk for £15.95 plus P&P.

What's on, and where?

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent Councillors will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, November 4 from 9.30am until 11.30am. Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend. **Barry Male Voice Choir Invitation** Gentlemen: Become a part of something special.

A warm welcome awaits you at the Barry Male Voice Choir taster evening at the West End Social Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry next Monday, November 6 at 7.30pm.

Fibromyalgia group SUFFERERS of Fibromyalgia, or those caring for someone with the condition can visit Age Connects Senior Health Shop,

38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, November 7 from 10am to 12pm for advice and support.

Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Valeways guided walks

ON Tuesday, November 7 Crwydro Ynys Y Barri will meet at the Coffee Cove cafe at 10am.

On Wednesday, November 8 the Coffee Shop Strollers meet at Cosmeston Country Park, outside the visitor centre at 10.30am.

The same day the Coffee Shop Strollers of Llantwit Major meet in the town hall car park in Llantwit at 2.30pm.

Cowbridge U3A Meeting

The next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a talk entitled 'GCHQ Cheltenham'

by Peter Cox at 2pm on Wednesday, November 8 in Cowbridge Town Hall.

Visitors welcome; there is a small fee, which includes refreshments. See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge

Artist's open day

ARTIST and teacher Glyn Pooley will be opening his studio at Canon Hill Artspace, Canon Street, on Saturday and Sunday, November 11 and 12 (10am – 4 pm).

New work will include a preview of Timescape Artwork 'Joy in the present, a path to peace'.

All welcome. For more information go to <http://glynpooley.co.uk/>.

Cinema club

ALL Saints' Community Cinema Club will be screening the highly popular *Florence Foster Jenkins*, starring Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant.

The film is being shown on Thursday, November 16 at All Saints' Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth (CF64 3EH) and doors open at 7pm, film starts 7.30pm.

Price £7.50 to include film, glass of wine/soft drink on arrival, slice of pizza at the interval. Bar available. For tickets, call Jane on 07966 882459.

'Spooky' night at the opera in Dinas Powys

SINCE Dinas Powys became a charity run by volunteers, a programme of fundraising events has been organised. The latest one was a night at the opera.

A Cardiff-based Opera Company, Opera in Situ, performed a *Spooky Spellbound Slumber*.

Opera in Situ is an exciting, new Cardiff company which takes opera out of the theatre and into unique, unexpected places, making it accessible to all.

The performance was based on *Hansel and Gretel*, *The Magic Flute* and *The Adventures of Pinocchio*.

In her introduction to the evening, Marianne Coupe reminded the audience that it costs £13,000 a year to run the library. People were invited to become Friends of The Library.

Chris Franks, chair of the library trustees thanked all who supported the evening which would provide funds to help keep the library open. He also mentioned that the regular Thursday coffee mornings held at the

library had restarted.

He said: "We have a band of 40 volunteers who serve the library users and there is a small board of trustees who manage the affairs of the charity. If anyone is interested in helping the library, please call 02920 512556."

The Welsh man who founded the Tudors...

TERRY BREVERTON'S 'Owen Tudor – Founding Father of the Tudor Dynasty' (published by Amberley Publishing at £20) is a must for all lovers of history.

This first-ever biography of the 'Godfather' of the Tudor dynasty is the first biography of the founding father who secretly married Catherine of Valois, widow of Henry V.

The subject of the book is relevant to many historic castles and houses with Tudor associations run by the National Trust and we learn how, for generations, the ancestors of Owen Tudor had fought Romans, Irish Picts, Vikings, Saxons, Mercians and Normans.

The author has presented documentaries on the Discovery and History TV channels and is also the author of Breverton's 'Nautical Curiosities: A Book of the Sea' and Breverton's 'Complete Herbal'.

Meanwhile, there have been a

number of books about Owain Glyndwr of late and the latest 'The Last Days Of Owain Glyndwr' by Gruffydd Aled Williams (published by yLlofa at £12.99), a leading authority on the subject, investigates the Glyndwr family history and, based on new research, brings to light new information available in English for the first time on Wales's most enduringly inspiring national hero, who led the war of independence in the early 15th century.

This book has not been written with the intention of finally revealing where Owain died or where he was buried. Its aim is rather to survey the various traditions that have been recorded about Owain's last days in detail and to evaluate them as far as possible in the light of known historical facts and the broader historical context.

"There are certain mysteries that can never be finally solved. One such mystery is that of the last days of Owain Glyndwr," says the author.

Review by Brian Lee

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Dinner lady Lorna hangs up ladle after 30 years



A bouquet of flowers for Lorna Winch.
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TRELALES Primary School has been celebrating the end of an era as Lorna Winch has served her last school meal after 30 years at the school.

Mrs Winch has seen many changes at the school during this time, and has served meals to several generations of families that have attended Trelales.

She has been well respected across the whole school, and will be greatly missed by children and staff, who all wish her a very long and enjoyable retirement. SS

LIFT GROUP

THE Lift Group offers friendship and support to those affected by breast cancer.

We meet in Cowbridge once a fortnight, either between 10am and 1pm for relaxation therapies or 2pm to 4pm for other activities such as speakers or trips out. Come and join us, bring a friend, for friendly, supportive and confidential get-togethers.

If you know anyone who might benefit from this group, call Anne on 01446 772843 or Judith on 01446 794176. We look forward to seeing you.

The Ogwr Talking Newspaper celebrates anniversary; founding member honoured

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If you would like any further information regarding Ogwr Talking Newspapers, which covers news from the Bridgend and District area, or know someone who would like to receive a CD weekly, please call David on 01656 786852. Ivor Williams

The GEM contacted Mr Philpot for a quick chat, but, almost ironically, telephone problems kept interrupting the conversation.

However, the sprightly Mr Philpot was able to say that, when launched, it was the Mid Glamorgan Talking Newspaper, and was recorded on a 12" reel-to-reel tape machine.

"We recorded the newspaper in what was Bridgend Blind School (now Heronsbridge) on a Wednesday after the day's lessons had ended, sometimes leaving at 9pm," he said.

The tapes were sent to a firm in Surrey, which copied and transferred them onto reel-to-reel tapes for players designed for blind people.

"As time went on, we raised funds to buy our own equipment and transferred onto cassette tapes. Now it's CDs, but as for future technology, who knows?"

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Vale Council defends its 'office let' to MP

PLAID Cymru has criticised the Vale Council for letting newly refurbished council-owned offices to local MP Alun Cairns.

The party says the office space should be used to help Barry businesses grow.

But the Vale Council Leader, Cllr John Thomas, told The GEM Mr Cairns was one of the first people to express interest in office space and there was more space more available.

The Vale Council agreed last year to spend £135,000 on taking over former Cardiff and Vale College buildings on Hood Road and developing them to provide accommodation for small and medium businesses. The site was dubbed 'BSC2'.

Plaidd says new offices are needed because flexible high-

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quality office accommodation is in short supply in the town.

Plaidd Cymru councillor Ian Johnson said: "I gave my support to £135,000 of investment in the regeneration of the Waterfront to support local business and create quality local jobs."

"Now I find that the Tory-run Vale Council is renting one of these newly created offices to Tory politicians, rather than to Barry businesses with vision and ambition."

"The purpose of regeneration funding at BSC2 is to generate

greater returns, such as increased jobs, through investment in infrastructure – not to subsidise public sector employment."

Vale Leader, Cllr John Thomas said: "Alun Cairns MP was one of the first local employers to express an interest in taking one of the exciting new offices in the BSC2 and was keen to support this new council development."

"There remains office space available for rent within the BSC and BSC2 as existing occupiers in the BSC have moved to the bigger offices available in the BSC2."

"The development of the BSC and the new BSC2 will provide an exciting opportunity for local businesses and employers, and the council hopes to welcome more new and existing businesses into the fantastic facilities provided at these two neighbouring sites, which form part of the on-going redevelopment of the Waterfront."

FARMING MATTERS

Broadly speaking, rural broadband and mobile connectivity are lacklustre

BROADBAND and mobile connectivity in rural Wales is a subject many of our members feel strongly about – mainly because so many still find themselves without an acceptable connection, or live in a mobile not-spot – and yes, that applies for us here in Glamorgan as well.

Who would have thought it, given our close proximity to Cardiff?

The FFW has been a supporter of increasing both broadband and mobile phone coverage in Wales, and worked closely with Ofcom and others for more than a decade to highlight the needs of Wales' communities in terms of both.

I was therefore baffled to see a report by the National Assembly for Wales' Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee, entitled 'Digital

Infrastructure in Wales', which included a recommendation that 'The Welsh Government should consider making future public subsidy conditional on supporting government policy to improve digital infrastructure, and to ensure that it meets the needs of consumers in the future, in particular any likely convergence between broadband and mobile internet connectivity.'

We are certainly unaware of any instances where farmers have refused to enter into a fair agreement with commercial companies responsible for digital infrastructure – but we are aware of many cases where agreement has been reached between farmers and communication companies, but planning permission has been refused.

There have also been instances where companies have behaved in unacceptable and unprofessional ways in order to try and install communication infrastructure on private



by RACHEL SAUNDERS of the FFW

land. Yes, there may well be a handful of cases where landowners have been uncooperative, but the FFW would suggest that members of the committee have been misled if they believe this is so widespread that it warrants a draconian recommendation to government.

Rather, we would suggest that the underlying motive for those who have suggested such a barrier exists at any scale, is

the wish to boost company profits by seeking changes which would allow farmers and landowners to be bullied into signing contracts which do not represent the commercial nature of work and installations.

Of course, we share the committee's frustrations regarding barriers to broadband and mobile coverage, but find it wholly unacceptable that the committee has been led to believe that it would be desirable to see multi-billion pound commercial companies boosting their profits by forcing family farms to accept one-sided agreements that in no way reflect the commercial nature of mobile and broadband infrastructure.

On a final note this week, I would like to remind our members that we have an open meeting on November 7, at St Mary's Hotel, Pencoed, starting at 7.30pm. We will be joined by HCC chair Kevin Roberts, and look forward to plenty of #FarmingMatters chats.

Georgina has sights on Miss Junior Teen title



THE Vale's Georgina Cole has won a place in the semi-final of Miss Junior Teen Great Britain 2017/2018.

Georgina, from St Nicholas, has come through against competition from across Great Britain to be named as one of the semi-finalists in the competition for females aged 11 to 19.

Georgina said: "I am so excited to have made it to the semi-final, it is a great achievement!"

Teenagers from across Great Britain will

compete for the crown in a spectacular grand final. The winner of Miss Junior Teen Great Britain will walk away with a number of prizes, including £500.

The grand final of Miss Junior Teen Great Britain will be held in 2018 at The Globe in Blackpool.

Georgina said: "Making it to the grand final would be a dream come true – fingers crossed I will be able to represent my hometown and win the crown!" AS

FUW warning

WITH bonfire night fast approaching, the Farmers' Union of Wales (FUW) is urging people to remember the distress that fireworks and sky lanterns can cause to livestock and pets – and reminds them of the dangers posed by bonfires.

"We call on people to stick to the firework safety code at all times, especially over the bonfire and Halloween season, to minimise the risk to livestock, pets and humans," said FUW policy officer Charlotte Priddy.

"This time of year poses many dangers to animals and children – so don't let negligence and ignorance be the cause for a real-life horror," added Mrs Priddy.

Animals in general are not fond of the noise of fireworks and can become quite anxious during this time of year. Therefore, the FUW urges people to be

considerate and not let them off near livestock.

"It is also a good idea to make sure that your pets have been micro-chipped by a vet and that the details on the chip are up to date prior to bonfire night, just in case they go missing," said Mrs Priddy.

The FUW recommends that people visit an organised display, but if you are having a display at home, please make sure you follow the firework code at all times to minimise the stress for farm animals and children.

It is also advisable to give neighbours a few days notice of your firework display, particularly if they are elderly, have young children or pets.

"We further urge people not to use sky lanterns, which have been banned by nearly half the county councils in Wales, as they pose significant dangers to livestock and are, of course, a considerable fire safety risk," added Mrs Priddy.

Police appeal on local man

OFFICERS in the Vale would like to speak to Simon Jones, aged 33, in connection with an allegation of fraud.

A police spokeswoman said: "Jones has links with Barry and Aberbargoed in Caerphilly."

"Anyone with information which could help us locate him is asked to contact 101, quoting reference 1600361744. Jones is also urged to make contact himself, using the same reference number."

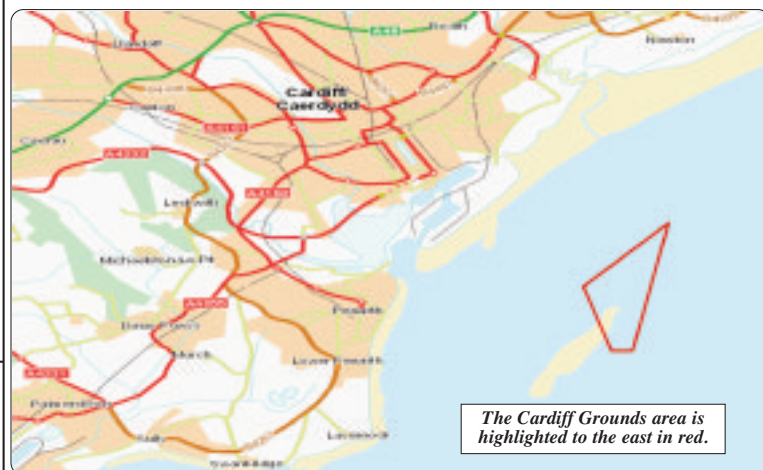


Christmas lights fundraiser
THERE will be a Sunday brunch fundraiser at 10am on Sunday, November 19 in Bar 44, Cowbridge.

Tickets are £15 and will include full Spanish breakfast, a glass of Cava and coffee. Tickets are available from Bar 44.

Kate Thomas of Cowbridge Chamber of Trade said: "The lighting project has been a lot of hard work but I am thrilled we are nearing completion of our first goal to have six lighting banners across the High Street. I would like to thank the businesses and members of the public that have supported us so far in the fundraising."

Key meeting over disposal of Hinckley 'dredged material'



The Cardiff Grounds area is highlighted to the east in red.

THE Vale Council will meet the Welsh Government next Wednesday, November 8, to discuss the disposal of dredged material at Cardiff Grounds in the Bristol Channel.

The council recently said it was keen to ensure all the necessary safeguards were in place in case radioactive material is deposited.

It said it wanted to meet the Welsh Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs, Lesley Griffiths, to outline the council's concerns.

A licence runs until 2019 allowing for the disposal of dredged materials resulting from work at Hinkley Point

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Power Station.

Cllr John Thomas, Leader of the Vale Council, told The GEM: "Since the report on the disposal of material at the Cardiff Grounds was discussed at Cabinet on October 9, there has been a detailed discussion at the council's environment and regeneration scrutiny committee on October 12."

"I have also written to the Cabinet Secretary for the Environment and Rural Affairs and the chief executive of Natural Resources Wales (NRW). "My initial request for

an urgent meeting with the Cabinet Secretary was declined, but I have since been given 15 minutes to meet with her on November 8, along with the Leader of Cardiff Council, Cllr Huw Thomas."

"I have also recently met with representatives of EDF Energy to discuss the issues around the dredging and disposal of material associated with the construction of Hinkley Point."

"As an outcome of that meeting, EDF have been invited to attend the next environment and regeneration scrutiny committee on November

9 to present their views and where members will also receive an update of my meeting with the Cabinet Secretary."

Last month, the Welsh Government emphasised the licence was not for the disposal of nuclear waste. The material licenced for disposal is sediment dredged from the Severn Estuary.

No disposal has taken place so far, and materials to be disposed of would have to be sampled and tested, and subject to further written approval by NRW.

The Welsh Government added that a sound assessment process is in place to protect the marine environment and human health for present and future generations.

Rhoose burglary appeal issued

POLICE in Barry are appealing for information following a burglary which occurred overnight on October 22-23 in Rhoose.

The burglary occurred in Torbay Terrace – police also received a report of an attempted burglary of a garage in the same street that same night.

Another suspicious incident was also reported in nearby South View.

A spokeswoman said:

"Officers would like to speak to anybody who may have seen or heard anything suspicious late on Sunday or in the early hours of Monday to make contact."

"In particular, they would like to identify two men seen in the area at the time – one was wearing a brown coat."

Anybody with information is urged to contact South Wales Police via 101 quoting reference 411687 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



Back row, Heronsbridge pupils from left: Joseph Cowan, Joel Williams-Jones, Poppy Maclean and Callum Lock.

Front row, from left: Bill Daniel of Hafod; Bernadette Vickery of Lovell; and Mandy Taylor and Jeremy Evans of Heronsbridge School.

Entrepreneurial pupils receive start-up donation for their on-site car-valeting business

PUPILS at Heronsbridge School in Bridgend are set to get a new car valeting business off the ground with help from local prepoerty developer Lovell.

Pupils ranging from 16 to 19 at the special school, which caters for a wide range of learning needs, will launch the service using equipment funded by an £875 donation from Lovell.

The company is building new homes for Hafod close to the school.

By working in and running the car valeting business, based in the school grounds, Heronsbridge pupils will improve their employability skills and gain valuable work experience.

They will be involved in all aspects of the business from dealing with customers, managing money and operating the cleaning service to looking after health and safety.

Initially, the service will be open to the school's 180 staff and visitors but it may also be made available to the public in the future. The school hopes to launch the new valeting business in January 2018.

"Pupils will help run the business for two days a week," said Heronsbridge School's work-based learning instructor Mandy Taylor.

"It will enable them to really build up their experience of the world of work and help them as they move towards employment. We're very grateful for this support from Lovell which has been extremely

important, covering our initial set-up costs."

Pupils at the school already help run Heronsbridge's popular Blas Da coffee shop social enterprise which was launched 12 years ago.

"As a company, we aim to help worthwhile community organisations where we can," said Lovell community coordinator Bernadette Vickery.

"It's been great to provide Heronsbridge with the funding needed to get the car valeting service up and running.

The project follows on from success of the school's coffee shop scheme and will provide a new set of opportunities for pupils to develop their skills and improve their job prospects."

"This donation is just one example of the many ways in which the local community will benefit from our partnership with Lovell to develop new homes in the area," commented Hafod community development officer Bill Daniel.

"The school are clearly doing a great job of preparing their pupils for future employment and we wish them every success with this new initiative."

Lovell has just begun work on 48 social rented homes for Hafod on land off Coychurch Road, close to the centre of Bridgend.

Other community benefits set to be created by Lovell through the scheme will include apprenticeships, jobs and work experience placements. **LS**

News from 1st Nottage Scouts



Janet with her parents Lyn and Moira.



Janet receiving her award from Bridgend District Commissioner Christine Jordan.

LAST week, Janet Batters, Cub Scout leader at the 1st Nottage Scouts, was awarded a Chief Scout 15-year service award from Christine Jordan, District Commissioner, Bridgend, at the 1st Nottage Scout Hall.

Also present were her Cubs, friends from scouting and her parents Lyn and Moira Batters.

Janet has been in scouting in Nottage for over 15 years. She started to help her mum out with the Cub pack and in 2002, she went into uniform as a leader following her parents who have been leaders of

the 1st Nottage group for many years.

She has played a very active part at 1st Nottage, including camps, visits to Porthcawl's many organisations such as the lifeboat station and Porthcawl Museum.

Under her guidance, the Cubs have learnt many new crafts and skills and have been successful in local scouting competitions.

Christine Jordan commented that she was pleased to make the award and to wish Janet well. She thanked her on behalf of the Bridgend district for all her hard work with the children in the pack and hopes that she has many more years in scouting with the children in Nottage.



Wales Care Awards nominee Liz Durlucia (right) at Ty Bryn Care Home with resident Beryl Fisher.

Bridgend carer nominated for care award

THE owner of a Brynteg care home, who gained an insight into the needs of dementia patients when her own father suffered from the illness, is in line for an award.

Over the years, Liz Durlucia has used her specialist knowledge to provide care for residents of the Ty Bryn Home, which she runs with her husband Adam.

Her dedication to providing quality of life has led to her being shortlisted for one of this year's Wales Care Awards.

The awards are organised by Care Forum Wales to recognise 'exceptional service in the care sector' and Liz was nominated in the category for 'Excellence in Dementia Care'.

The ceremony will be held at City Hall, Cardiff, on November 17 and will be hosted by singer and presenter Wynne Evans, popularly known as Gio Compario from the Go Compare TV advert.

Liz, (47), who lives in the Park Street area of Bridgend, formerly worked in the IT department of Lloyds TSB but switched careers 15 years ago when she started working at the Cardiff residential home owned by her parents-in-law.

When they retired she and Adam took over, and they moved to Ty Bryn nine years ago.

Recognising the need for greater provision for dementia patients, they decided to concentrate on that sector. She has since gained a qualification to train staff and carries out her own research to help improve the standard of

care. Liz was nominated for the award by the home's deputy manager Rachel Clarke, who commented on her enthusiasm for the work.

She has also established a support service for people in the local community who suffer from dementia or who are carers.

The nomination was supported by former Newport Council social worker Chris Tolliday who last year nominated Ty Bryn for an Age Cymru award.

He wrote: "Providing care to 20 residents who have varying degrees of memory and behaviour problems is never an easy task, but the staff at Ty Bryn are well trained and informed, and work hard to maximise the residents' individual abilities."

"Ty Bryn goes that extra mile to find solutions and provide dementia care in a warm and caring homely environment. I cannot thank them enough."

Liz, whose father Anthony died last year, was surprised and delighted to be shortlisted and is looking forward to attending the ceremony.

"I love what I do and find it so rewarding making a difference to peoples' lives."

"When I come in, it doesn't feel like coming into work, but just like coming from one home to another."

In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her three children aged 11, 16 and 18, reading and walking the dogs on Newbridge Fields. Her husband Adam is a keen supporter of Bridgend Athletic Rugby Club.

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Bridgend and District Quiz League news

HERE are this week's teasers from the Bridgend and District Quiz League!

1. In which country is the world's highest railway line?

2. By what English name is the mountain Yr Wyddfa known?

3. In adverts, which drink could be taken 'Anytime, any place, anywhere'?

October 30 Cup results

Bye v Laleston Inn B. Tondur Railway Club 60 - Oddfellows Arms Bettws 40.

Pheasant Poachers 56 - Cabo Roche 43.
Prince of Wales Coychurch 46 - Crown Maesteg 52.

Laleston Inn A 61 - Five Bells B 47.

Five Bells A 59 - Penybont FC Nomads 60 (TB).

Chatterton Shunters 52 - Pheasant Gamekeepers 54.

Mackworth Arms 65 - TyRisha Royals 58.

Steve Kingscott 01656 722754

ANSWERS
1. Mountain
2. Snowdon
3. China

Busy days lie ahead for the Porthcawl Lions

MEMBERS of the Porthcawl Lions are gathering themselves for the forthcoming activities which start with assisting the Porthcawl branch of the Royal British Legion with the Poppy collection in John Street, which started on October 30 and goes through until Sunday, November 12.

Lion members will be in the John Street area from Monday to Friday, as the weekends are being handed over to the Armed Forces Cadets, assisted by members of St John Ambulance.

Over the Remembrance weekend, Porthcawl Lions have been invited to join in the commemorations at Stormy Down at 9.30am on Saturday, November 11, followed by the

ceremony in the bandstand in John Street at 10.30am.

On Sunday, November 12, they will, as usual, be attending the Remembrance Service at All Saints Church, Victoria Avenue at 10.30am followed by the wreath-laying ceremony at the War Memorial.

As is now usual, the Lions are once again hosting the Christmas Grotto in the Porthcawl Museum commencing Saturday, November 25.

Santa will be there every Saturday thereafter until December 23. Santa's grotto opens at 11am and goes on all day until 4pm. Every child will receive a toy, and the entrance fee will be £4.

On Thursday, December 21, the Lions will be hosting their Christmas tea at Trinity Church once again when the entertainment will include a sing-

a-long and, of course, Christmas carols. Santa is expected to attend.

More information will be available regarding this event nearer the day.

Boxing Day sees the Lions Fun Run from the Hi Tide starting at 11am and covering seven kilometres.

Details about taking part are available on the Lions web page porthcawllions.org.uk

There are prizes and, in addition, everyone finishing receives a medal. This event attracts more and more runners every year and it is anticipated that the numbers this year will be in the region of 350.

It's a good way to ensure fitness and also, of course, to see off that extra slice of turkey.

All proceeds go to charity. **DR**

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Just another manic Mundy as Phoenix take the spoils

THIS National League Division 1 top of the table match at Welfare Park between Senghenydd ladies and Pencoed Phoenix did not disappoint, both sides displaying a passion and commitment worthy of the occasion and doing their utmost to achieve their league aspirations.

In terms of possession and territory the home side had the better of the opening quarter, however it was Phoenix who opened the scoring.

Moving the ball through their threequarters from some 40 metres out, Phoenix took play into the home 22 and a good offload out of the tackle from Charlotte Mundy kept the move alive and good support play from back row forward Caitlin Smith saw her breach the last line of defence to score; Rhian Nokes added the extras.

The Sirens' response was immediate; Phoenix failed to deal with the restart and the home side capitalized, flanker Sarah Harper scoring under the posts, Caitlin Protheroe converting to level matters.

Phoenix replacement



Charlie Mundy makes a break.

Natalie O'Shea soon made her presence felt with a huge hit, a home player requiring treatment following a perfectly legal aggressive tackle.

Phoenix then regained the lead, Smith breaking away on the blindside of a maul down the touchline to feed O'Shea who burst away from some 40 metres to score.

Unfortunately Phoenix again forfeited ground at the restart, and centre Kourtney Lewis made them pay with a try wide out, Protheroe adding a fine conversion to give her side a 14-12 lead.

Back came Phoenix, the dancing feet of Leanne Burnell led a counter attack and close up driving play from the

pack saw O'Shea emerge from the mass of bodies as the try scorer.

At this stage of the match the restarts were letting Phoenix down and the Sirens for the third time in the half capitalised, scrum half Jessica Kidley scoring wide out for Senghenydd to lead 19-17 at the interval.

The all-round game of Phoenix was starting to surface in the third quarter and this was reflected with four unanswered tries during this purple patch.

Nokes triggered things off, breaking away from her own 22 and the outside half raced away to score with a fine solo effort.

Within a minute her half back partner Sarah Payne added another. Phoenix were now playing with confidence and following combined play from both backs and forwards Nokes got her second try.

A brilliant run from Burnell put Phoenix back on the attack and despite a home clearance, Phoenix were not to be denied, Nokes feeding young wing Megan Griffiths who raced over wide out, Nokes converted and Phoenix now effectively had the match won at 19-39.

The home side were not finished however, and a blindside move involving Kidley, and Harper saw Lewis get her second try and a final match scoreline of 24-39.

For Senghenydd, flanker Sarah Harper was chosen as best forward, with scrum half Jessica Kidley best back.

For Phoenix, Charlotte Mundy was picked out as best forward, with Rhian Nokes chosen as best back, all the aforementioned chosen by their respective opponents.

This pulsating encounter with no quarter given or asked was a credit to both clubs with the match played in exemplary spirit and a great advertisement for Welsh women's rugby.

FOR this year's Stand Up To Cancer campaign, we at Cancer research UK's Cowbridge branch pledged to raise £2,000.

We are at £1,900 and would love to smash our pledge.

We contacted local shops and public houses who donated prizes for a prize draw. Volunteers did a bucket collection at Pontyclun Tesco's.

We raised money at the Cowbridge music festival with Elizabeth playing the piano. Collection goblets have been placed in various local businesses. Costa Coffee allowed us to collect outside on two occasions.

Our dedicated team of shop volunteers have been either selling prize draw tickets which are still available on store, or raising sponsorship monies for our 11-kilometre walk from our shop on the High Street to our sister Cancer Research UK shop in Bridgend (and then back).

Shop manager Samantha Griffiths,

Sunday shop assistant Amanda Roberts and volunteer sisters Mary and Shirley took part on October 27 taking 15,167 steps and 2 hours 31 mins to complete the walk.

We have a Shop online Cancer Research UK giving page that is still taking donations 'SH1846'

fundraise.cancerresearchuk, and tickets are still on sale, at £1 each, from the shop to win one of eight prizes.

Remember, 100 per cent of the money raised goes towards cancer crushing science.

Thank you to the Vale of Glamorgan and Duke of Wellington public houses, Costa Coffee, Caffè Nero, Tesco, Marooned hairdressers, Co-Op, WH Smith, Elizabeth, customers and, of course, our volunteers.

To donate items, or to volunteer, call 01446 772084, visit Twitter @CRUKCowbridge, email CowbridgeShop@cancer.org.uk or pop into the shop, opposite the Bear Hotel, on Cowbridge High Street.

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Walking from Cowbridge to Bridgend, standing up to cancer all the way



Samantha, Amanda, Mary and Shirley ready for the off in Cowbridge.

Bridgend Bridge Club

RECENT results for events at Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

Wednesday, October 25: First, Norma and David Newman; Second, David Bowen and David Crompton; Third, Tony Disley and John Evans.

The winners on handicap were Norma and David Newman. Thursday, October 26: First, Christine and John Evans; Second, Glyn Williams and Joan Ralph; Third, Rosalie Clode and Stuart Davies.

The winners on handicap were Frances Robertson and Lyn Froud.

Friday, October 27: First, Irene Thomas and Emer Disley; Second, Mari Jones and Irene Wickham; Third, Steve Burgoyne and John Evans.

The winners on

handicap were Irene Thomas and Emer Disley.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesdays and Fridays at Norton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, and to enable a prompt start it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Norton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

Lessons: There will be a new series for beginners on Wednesdays from 4pm-6pm again in Norton Church Hall.

For further information about the lessons and other club activities, please contact Steve Burgoyne 01656 661968, John Evans 01656 880372 or David Newman 01656 649138.



Across the border and into Bridgend.

New date for Lee Byrne's book signing

THE book signing by Lee Byrne of his autobiography, *The Byrne Identity*, at the Bridgend Athletic RFC clubhouse, that was originally intended to take place on Sunday, October 29, has a new date due to unforeseen circumstances.

The signing will now take place at the

Bridgend Athletic RFC Clubhouse on Wednesday, November 8, 6.30pm to 8pm.

There has already been a significant demand for the book at the club. To avoid disappointment, anybody requiring the club to order the book and have it signed by Lee please contact either Julie Thomas, Andrew Tellem or David Davison by 6pm on Thursday, November 2.

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New tax to pay for care of older people – AM's suggestion

HUW IRRANCA-DAVIES has suggested that the Welsh Government could use its new tax-levying powers to boost care provision for old people.

The Ogmore AM said the proportion of elderly people requiring residential care is forecast to rise by over 80 per cent by 2035, alongside a rise of nearly 70 per cent in the proportion requiring non-residential care.

He said it has been suggested that a

ring-fenced trustee-led levy going into an enhanced social insurance fund could help fund social care in Wales for the foreseeable future.

Mr Irranca-Davies said: "Wouldn't this be a fine example of using the principles enshrined in the Future Generations and Well-Being Act to guide the development of Welsh taxes and levies and to improve the lives of Welsh citizens?"

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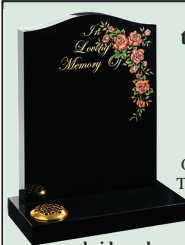
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Carole is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her funeral service to take place at St Helen's RC Church, Barry on Thursday 9th November at 9:45am, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

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FINN

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JENKINS

Agnes May (née Morgan)

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MATTHEWS

Colin Rees

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SIMKISS

Gwyneth (née Davies)

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MILLER

Ian Robert "Ned"

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Peacefully on October 28 at Brocastle Manor Nursing Home, with his family by his side, Ron, aged 83 years. Loving husband of his devoted wife Maureen for 61 years, adored father of Stephen, Gary and Jackie, father-in-law of Adrian and Jen. Ron worshipped his five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and was a special brother-in-law to Rob and Elaine.

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A big thank you to Lorraine Barrett for her help and understanding, her professional touch was invaluable.

To the doctors and nurses at Holme Towers, Penarth a very big thank you from Tony and family for making Carole's stay as comfortable and pain-free as possible.

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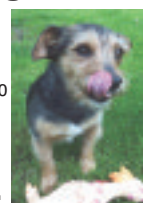
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A weakened Llantwit Major RFC battle hard but exit cup

LLANTWIT MAJOR RFC put up a good fight but Abercwmboi were just too good for them on the day, winning this round four encounter of the National Cup competition 23-3.

This was always going to be a tough task for the Llantonians with their opponents Abercwmboi unbeaten and sitting proudly at the top of their table a league above them.

Matters though were notably made worse by Llantwit having over 20 players unavailable for selection through various family and work commitments and a worryingly never-ending injury list.

Such was the drain on players that it was remarkable and some achievement that the club not only managed to fulfil this fixture but also managed to put out a seconds and youth team.

So Llantwit traveled to the Cynon Valley with just 19 players (one short of the amount allowed) and had in their line-up four players who would normally be playing for the second team, three of whom you would lovingly call veterans.

As the game started the teams traded penalties before a period of stale mate in the centre of the field as both packs attempted to gain dominance and Llantwit more than held their own with both back rowers Donovan Stoppel and Rhys Hewitt putting in big performances in both defence and attack.

But you just thought the home side had a little more edge to their play and any lapse in concentration or formation would be cruelly exposed; and this was the story behind each of Abercwmboi three tries, all of them

arguably coming from Llantwit's mistakes and all from distance.

The first came from a missed penalty kick to touch, run back by the home defence; Llantwit were then exposed with a panicking defence and some lovely handling saw the home side cross for a fine try.

Llantwit though stuck to their task and had their own chance from the kick off as some early pressure saw Rhys Balmont manage to intercept a ball with a juggling display only to spill a subsequent offload in the tackle which surely would have been rewarded if kept to hand and recycled.

This was the story of the game from the visitors' point of view as any glimpses of gaining some points were spoilt by dropped balls or turnovers.

But this is often the way when your under the cosh and Llantwit were with a scrum struggling and the home side's half backs controlling the game with huge kicks. It was no surprise then with Llantwit down to 14 men from a yellow card, Abercwmboi crossed again to go into the break with a comfortable lead.

Llantwit set about the second half with a courageous and solid display but they just couldn't get into a good position, too reap any reward for their efforts, with both Rhys Hewitt and Huw Williams going close to scoring only to be denied by some last-gasp tackles.

Inevitably then as the bodies tired Abercwmboi crossed again to put the tie to bed and send them through to the next round.

So back to the league then for the Llantonians as the cup run ends but they can take plenty of positives from this game, the defence was relatively sound and the game plan was assured,



Frank Farrant.

just beaten by a better side who just had one or two players of a higher standard who made the difference tell.

Man of the match was Tony Burrows, who, admirably, at the age of 48, took the call to play and put in a tough shift at the coal face in the front row with a never say die attitude.

Further mention goes to Alex Keeton who had another solid game as he gets to grip with the positions in union having been schooled mostly in rugby league. This week Llantwit are back at home as they take on Caerau Ely at the Recreation Ground kick off at 2.30pm.

Team: C Morgan, D Liscombe, R Balmont, S Edbrooke, J Thomas, C Jones, S Godwin, G David (c), H Williams, T Burrows, A Keeton, S Shea, R Hewitt, D Stoppel, D Farrell. **Replacements:** J Hartley, M Young, I Jones, E Rees.

A minute's silence was held before all of Llantwit's games on Saturday as the club sadly lost three of their former players who passed away last week, Frank Farrant, Tony Pilcher and Rhys Gould. The clubs thoughts and sympathies go to their families at this distressing time.

Frank Farrant, whose funeral was held earlier this week, was captain of

Llantwit during the 1975/76 season. Frank started his career with the club as a youth product and went onto play senior rugby well into his late 30s.

An Ystradowen farmer he was drawn to the club after attending Llantwit old school during his childhood. A prop forward Frank was a fine exponent of the skullduggery of the front row brotherhood.

In latter years his experience often showing when playing against young budding props, finishing some of their ambitions by his doggedness and prowess. His son, Neil Farrant, also followed his footsteps in playing youth and senior rugby and captaining the first team at hooker.

Frank, after retiring, later returned to the club for two spells as youth coach as well as becoming senior coach.

Many, many players over the years including this writer and current player Shaun Shea were schooled by his unique teachings on and off the field. A great servant of the club and a sad loss.

An obituary for Tony Pilcher and Rhys Gould will be provided in further editions. Please see the club website or social media for funeral arrangements. **AH**



In the picture are Megan Jones, Heather Bowkett, Essence Gayle and Harriet Powell.

PLAYERS SELECTED FOR COUNTY SQUADS

CARDIFF and Vale College's Netball Academy has only been running since September, and already four of the players have been selected to play at county level and above.

Seventeen-year-old Level 3 Sports Performance and Excellence student Megan Jones from Cardiff, has been selected to play in the under-19 Severn Stars Nova Academy – the next step towards Wales under-21s, and a step up from county netball and the regional training centres.

Severn Stars is a newly-created Vitality Netball Super League Franchise with its inaugural season starting in 2017. Owned by the University of Gloucestershire and the University of Worcester, it is designed to boost young people and engage with communities.

"It was wicked to be selected; it was very unexpected and such a

privilege," Megan said. "We don't really have anything like it around here in Wales so it's a really good opportunity for me."

Cardiff and Vale College's Netball Academy is designed to provide a supportive and specialist environment. Players can study A Levels or vocational courses while training to become the netball stars of the future.

The academy, which trains and plays its home games at Cardiff City House of Sport, is coached by Welsh international player Kyra Jones, who has represented Wales at the Netball World Cup and Commonwealth Games.

"The CAVC Netball Academy is a great opportunity for girls to show that netball is just as good as any of the other sports in Wales," Megan said.

Meanwhile, Megan's fellow players Heather Bowkett, Essence Gayle and Harriet Powell have been selected for the Cardiff and Vale County under-18 netball

team.

PE and IT A Level student Heather, who is 17 and from Barry, said: "I'm really pleased to be selected – it's fun. I've been playing in county for the past four years so I play outside of the college as well. I'd like to pursue netball as a career."

"The Netball Academy is really good and it's great fun – the coach and the facilities are brilliant."

Essence Gayle, 17 and from Cardiff, studies Level 3 Sports Performance and Excellence at CAVC. She said: "I feel very privileged to be selected for November 15 and I'm looking forward to that. I've been playing for the county for three years now. I definitely want to pursue netball."

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport learner Harriet Powell is 17 and from Blackwood.

"It's excellent news and I'm excited. I've played with the under-16s before," she said.

Late drop goal sees Druids edge epic cup encounter

ON A blustery Saturday afternoon Llantwit Major seconds side the Druids welcomed Glamorgan Wanderers development team to the Recreation Ground in the East District Stuart Ninian cup.

Even though the Wanderers weren't at full strength and started the game without the full complement of players, the Druids knew a daunting task lay ahead for them such was the calibre of players they faced.

Under strength themselves, team manager Roger Elliott managed to cajole enough players out of retirement to field a side.

As the game commenced the Wanderers spelt out their intentions from the off, immediately running from deep and forcing Llantwit to scramble back in defence.

However once this initial onslaught was revoked it was all one-way traffic for the Druids as they put in phase after phase and mixed up their angles of running nicely in order to put defenders in with Nathan Howells, Paul Gore and Mathew Kensett to the fore of these charges.

The Wanderers defence at first held firm but as the onslaught saw no sign of abating then the dam finally broke with captain Gore going over for a well deserved try.

With their tails now up, Llantwit went straight back on the attack from the restart and some more sustained pressure and good handling saw Kensett gallop over in the corner to put them in control of the game.

Llantwit then appeared to lose concentration and let the visitors back in the game and two quick scores put the visitors right back in the game.

To their credit though the Druids knuckled back down and raised their game once again with several attacks coming from all areas of the park in a great show of

running rugby. The pressure soon telling on a struggling Wanderers defence as Llantwit stretched their legs with big Nathan Howells crossing to put the home side back in ascendancy.

With a Wanderers player now in the sin bin for a string of illegal tackles it was a chance for the Druids to let loose. Scrum half and man of the match Gareth Burnett sparked the attack with a break, followed by the three-quarters spinning the ball out wide for full back Sam Pickford to pick a lovely angle in joining the line.

With the visitors' defence now floundering, good support running by Howells saw him again cross this time, even throwing a dummy in the process, the break not coming soon enough for the Wanderers to regroup.

Regroup they did, in fine fettle as they came out all guns firing throwing everything at the Druids and soon the Wanderers were well back into the game with two further tries, complemented by some fine kicking from their outside half, giving them a slender lead at 22-27.

But again after taking the onslaught Llantwit soon settled back into the game and some good field position kicking by Dan Powell at outside half allowed hooker Rhys Ellis to show some dazzling footwork and race over the whitewash.

Wanderers then scored from a quick tap penalty, so Llantwit had it all to do once again with the game moving into the final 10 minutes.

However, a series of dominating scrums took their toll on the tiring Wanderers and captain Gore once again scored, the subsequent conversion from Powell locking the score at 34-34 with the clock ticking down to the final whistle.

With confidence high and Llantwit attacking at will, the visitors then cruelly

lost a prop forward to injury forcing the game to go to uncontested scrums; unfortunately for the Wanderers the first scrum coming just inside their 22.

With no scrum pressure and clean ball assured, scrum half Burnett found fly half Powell neatly sat in the pocket for him. Powell then with ice cool nerve slotted home a beauty of a drop goal and sent the Druids into the next round.

All in all, it was a tremendous performance by the Druids in a game that could have easily got away from them, with a big thank you to Glamorgan Wanderers for sportingly fulfilling the fixture despite their struggles to raise a full team.

Every player had a good game, with the few old heads proving that youth, skill and pace are no match for age and experience. Special thanks going to the ever-sprightly Les Dixon, who, at 54 years young, once again dusted off the boots to help out.

Team: N Walker, R Ellis, L Dixon, M Kensett, N Howells, M Ingram, B Jones, P Gore, G Burnett, D Powell, O Jauncy, J Elliott, W Qalobulawasaikabara, C Manning, S Pickford, L Turner.

This week the Druids take on Nantyllyon in the league, kick off at 2.30pm.

With both the first and second teams at home it will be a busy weekend at the club as they will also be hosting their fireworks display on Sunday, starting at 6.30pm.

Entry to the ground is free to all with donations to bucket collections warmly welcomed.

With the bars open, a barbecue, music and a laser show accompanying the fireworks the night should all go with a bang!

MK/AH

Reserves come out on top in nine-goal thriller

LLANTWIT MAJOR reserves travelled to play Glenbrook in Dinas Powys on Saturday afternoon in their first game after a two week break.

The team welcomed back Lee Tracy from his wedding and Adam Coyle, along with youth player Luke Beattie and new signing Jordan Davies.

Llantwit started strongly but the home side caught Llantwit by surprise with a high offside trap; they managed to break the deadlock with Adam Coyle beating his marker with a bullet header from the corner.

Moments later the score was level but with Llantwit showing signs of dominance, it wouldn't last long.

Stephen Phillips came close while Andy Shaw continued to worry their keeper. Finally top goalscorer Max Morgan scored to make it 2-1 as he broke the offside trap to smash it past the stranded keeper just before the break.

Half-time saw a different mentality as Llantwit looked to be more patient in their play which resulted in great football before the defender put through into his own net, and the errors continued to occur in the game as the scoreline was level again.

Steve Phillips notched from a lovely cut back from fellow strike partner Morgan to relive a bit of pressure for the reserves before coming off.

The last 20 minutes saw goals by Luke Beattie and Andy Shaw eventually to put the game to bed and seal a 6-3 away win. The win sees Llantwit six points off the top of the league with three games in hand.

The reserves' next game is in the cup at home to Sully - support is always welcome at the Windmill.

Team: Kemp, Wrigley, Cutter, Coyle, Tracey, Grafton (c), Beattie, Vinson, Shaw, Phillips, Morgan (MoM). **Substitutes:** Davies, Malton, Ball.

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11 61 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRD KX-2 AWD 5dr automatic, pan roof, cruise, Bluetooth, black with half-leather

15 15 AUDI A1 1.6 TDI SE 3dr, Audi warranty July 2018, DAB, USB, 19k, black£10995

15 15 AUDI A3 1.6 TDI Sport 3dr, Bluetooth, dab, 17" alloys, 26k, white£12495

16 16 AUDI A3 1.6 TDI Quattro Sport 4dr, Audi warranty April 2019, sat nav, Bluetooth, 18" alloys, 13k, choice£16995

16 66 AUDI A3 2.0 TDI Quattro S-Line 3dr S-Tronic automatic (184bhp), sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, dab, 18" alloys, 5k, met grey, half-leather£21995

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17 66 AUDI A4 2.0 TDI Quattro S-Line 4dr Multitronic automatic (190bhp), sunroof, sat nav, Bose, 20" alloys, 12k, met grey, half-leather£24995

13 62 AUDI A5 2.0 TDI SE Technik 2dr, sat nav, 18" alloys, pdc, white, full leather£11995

16 66 AUDI A5 2.0 TDI Black Edition Plus Quattro 5dr S-Tronic, Audi warranty, Oct 2019, sat nav, 19" alloys, 12k, misano red, full leather£24995

12 12 AUDI A6 3.0 TDI S-Line Quattro 4dr S-Tronic, 20" alloys, sat nav, privacy, 48k, grey, full leather£16995

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15 65 AUDI A7 3.0 TDI Ultra SE Executive 5dr S-Tronic, sat nav, Audi park system plus, cruise, 19" alloys, heated seats, black with full leather£24495

08 08 AUDI TT 3.2 V6 Quattro 3dr (247bhp), sat nav, xenons, BOSE, cruise, heated seats, petrol blue, full leather£8495

15 65 AUDI TT 2.0 TDI Sport Ultra 3dr Coupe, Audi warranty Sep 2018, 18" alloys, Bluetooth, 3k, white, half leather£21995

14 14 BMW 120i XDRIVE M Sport 5dr, widescreen sat nav, Harman kardon, heated seats, 35k, met orange£14995

14 14 BMW 120 D M Sport 3dr (184bhp) sat nav, xenons, 18" alloys, estoril blue, full leather£13995

14 14 BMW M135i 3.0 Performance 3dr, pro nav, glass sunroof, grey, full leather£18995

15 65 BMW M135 3.0i 3dr automatic, BMW warranty May 2018, sat nav, 18" alloys, 18k, choice, full red leather£20495

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14 64 BMW 220i Sport 2dr coupe, cruise, bluetooth, DAB, 28k, white£15995

15 65 BMW M235 3.0i M Sport 2dr (326bhp), sat nav, 18" alloys, pdc, dab, 12k, estoril blue, full leather£23495

16 16 BMW M235i 3.0 2dr convertible, BMW warranty March 2019, sat nav, PDC, silver, full leather£25995

14 64 BMW 220 D Sport 2dr coupe (190 BHP), sat nav, 18" alloys, black, full leather£17995

11 61 BMW 318i DES 4dr, 18" alloys, privacy glass, Bluetooth, silver£7995

15 15 BMW 320d EfficientDynamics BluePerformance Business Edition 4dr, BMW warranty June 2018, 18" alloys, sat nav, 15k, black, full oyster leather£16995

14 14 BMW 320 DM Sport GT 5dr, widescreen sat nav, cruise, pdc, heated seats, estoril blue, full leather£16995

14 64 BMW 320 D M Sport 4dr, BMW warranty Dec 2017, 19" alloys, xenons, privacy, white, full leather£15995

15 15 BMW 320 D Luxury GT 5dr automatic, BMW warranty April 2018, 18" alloys, 30k, beige, full leather£19995

15 15 BMW 320 D BluePerformance M Sport 4dr, BMW warranty July 2018, 19" alloys, sat nav, privacy, 27k, white, full leather£17495

15 65 BMW 320 D Sport Estate auto, BMW warranty Nov 2018, wide screen nav, heated seats, Bluetooth, 17k, silver£18995

15 15 BMW 330 D M Sport XDRIVE 4dr automatic (313bhp), BMW warranty Sep 2018, pro nav, 19" alloys, 21k, red, full leather£20995

16 16 BMW 330 E Sport 4dr automatic Start/Stop, sat nav, cruise, pdc, 8k, choice£21495

16 16 BMW 335d M Sport XDRIVE 4dr automatic, BMW warranty March 2019, 19" alloys, sat nav, 13k, blue, full leather£23995

14 14 BMW 420 D Sport convertible, 18" alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, heated seats, 27k, full leather auto or manual£19995

14 64 BMW 420 DM Sport 2dr automatic, 19" alloys, widescreen sat nav, service inclusive, Harman Kardon, cruise, pdc, full leather, choice£18995

15 15 BMW 420 D M Sport 2dr convertible automatic, BMW warranty Sep 2018, 19" alloys, head-up display, 25k, grey, full beige leather£24995

15 15 BMW 420 D Sport 2dr coupe, BMW warranty March 2018, sat nav, 18" alloys, Bluetooth, black, full leather£17995

15 65 BMW 420 D M Sport 2dr auto, BMW warranty Oct 2018, pro sat nav, 19" alloys, Harman Kardon, blue, full leather£19995

17 17 BMW 420d M Sport XDRIVE Gran Coupe, BMW warranty June 2020, sat nav, 19" alloys, 3k, grey, full leather£26995

14 14 BMW 428i M Sport 2dr coupe (245bhp) sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, 15k, grey, full leather£19995

14 64 BMW 430 D M Sport 2dr coupe automatic (258bhp), BMW warranty Oct 2017, sat nav, 19" alloys, 17k, choice, full leather£21995

14 14 BMW 518 DSE 4dr automatic, sat nav, reverse camera, Bluetooth, cruise, silver, full leather£12995

13 63 BMW 520 D M Sport 4dr, M Sport Plus package, 19" alloys, sat nav, 38k, white, full leather£16995

14 64 BMW 520 DSE 4dr (184bhp), sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, DAB, 39k, black, full leather£15995

14 64 BMW 520 D M Sport Estate, pro nav, panoramic roof, 34k, grey, full beige leather£19995

15 15 BMW 520 D M Sport 4dr automatic, sat nav, 18" alloys, black, full leather£17995

15 65 BMW 520 DSE 4dr automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, blue, full leather£17995

15 65 BMW 520 D M Sport 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty Sept 2018, sat nav, harman kardon, 19" alloys, white, full leather£21995

12 62 BMW 640 D SE 2dr coupe automatic, 19" alloys, sat nav, vermilion red, full ivory white leather£18495

13 13 BMW 640 DSE 2dr coupe auto, 20" alloys, soft close doors, reverse camera, sat nav, 31k, blue, full leather£21995

15 65 BMW 730LD M Sport 4dr LWB auto, BMW warranty Dec 2018, panoramic roof, rear entertainment, premium & rear seat comfort package, 9k, black, full beige leather£39995

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14 64 CITROEN DS3 1.6 E-HDI DStyle + 3dr, 17" alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, choice£6995

16 16 DS DS4 1.6 BlueHDI Crossback 5dr, Citroen warranty April 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, 18" alloys, met red, half leather£11995

14 14 FIAT 500L 1.3 MultiJet Diesel Pop Star 5dr, air-con, cruise, alloys, Bluetooth, 33k, red£6495

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15 15 FORD FOCUS 1.5 TDCI Zetec S 5dr, Ford warranty July 2018, sat nav, Bluetooth, 23k, white£11995

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14 14 FORD KUGA 2.0 TDCI Zetec 5dr, 17" alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, metallic blue£10795

15 64 FORD KUGA 2.0 TDCI Titanium 5dr, appearance pack, Ford warranty April 2018, cruise, Bluetooth, privacy glass, 19k, choice, half leather£13495

15 15 FORD KUGA 2.0 TDCI Titanium X Sport AWD 5dr Powershift, Ford warranty July 2018, pan roof, 19" alloys, 28k, black, full leather£17995

17 17 FORD KUGA 2.0 TDCI Titanium 5dr, Ford warranty April 2020, sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, 8k, white£18995

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16 65 MERCEDES A180d AMG Line Executive 5dr, Mercedes warranty Feb 2019, sat nav, heated seats, 16k, met blue, half leather.....£17995

16 16 MERCEDES A200 CDI AMG Line Executive 5dr, Mercedes warranty April 2019, sat nav, 18" alloys, reverse camera, 14k, white, half leather.....£18995

14 14 MERCEDES B180 CDI Sport 5dr 7G-DCT, 18" alloys, reverse camera, 35k, grey, full leather.....£12995

13 63 MERCEDES B200 CDI Sport 5dr 7G-DCT, sat nav, 18" alloys, 15k, white, full leather.....£13995

15 65 MERCEDES CLA220 CDI Sport Estate 7G-DCT automatic, Mercedes warranty Nov 2018, sat nav, heated seats, 26k, white, half leather.....£20995

16 16 MERCEDES GLC250d Sport (Premium) 4MATIC 5dr 9-G, Mercedes warranty June 2019, sat nav, panoramic roof, reverse camera, Bluetooth, black, full cream leather.....£31995

10 60 MERCEDES S350 CDI BlueEfficiency 4dr 7-Gtronic automatic, AMG sports pack, sat nav, 19" alloys, heated seats, met white, full leather.....£16995

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14 64 MINI COOPER 1.5 D 3dr Start/Stop, pepper + TLC pack, Bluetooth, in orange with black roof and mirror caps.....£8795

15 15 MINI COOPER 1.5 D 5dr, chilli + media XL + TLC pack, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, dab, half-leather, 19k, met blue.....£11995

16 66 MINI COOPER 1.5 D 5dr (Media XL & Chilli pack) MINI warranty Sep 2019, sat nav, Bluetooth, black, half leather.....£13995

11 61 MINI COOPER 2.0 D 2dr convertible automatic (chilli pack) bluetooth, 17" alloys, 35k, white.....£9495

14 64 MINI COUNTRYMAN 2.0 COOPER SD 5dr, Mini warranty Dec 2017, sat nav, privacy glass, 30k, silver.....£11495

13 63 MINI COUPE 1.6 COOPER 2dr (TLC & Chilli Pack) 16" black alloys, 19k, grey, half leather.....£8495

14 14 MINI ONE 1.6 D 3dr (Pepper pack) Bluetooth, 31k, blue.....£7995

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15 65 PEUGEOT 108 1.0 Active 3dr, Peugeot warranty Dec 2018, DAB, Bluetooth, USB, 8k, blue.....£6295

16 16 PEUGEOT 108 1.2 PureTech Allure 5dr, Peugeot warranty May 2019, Bluetooth, DAB, 8k, white.....£7995

16 66 PEUGEOT 208 1.6 BlueHDi Allure 5dr, Peugeot warranty Nov 2019, Bluetooth, DAB, alloys, 10k, blue.....£9495

15 64 PEUGEOT 308 2.0 BlueHDi GT 5dr EAT6, Peugeot warranty Feb 2018, sat nav, privacy glass, 18" alloys, 27k, white.....£12495

15 65 PEUGEOT 5008 1.6 BlueHDi Active 5dr (7-seater) Peugeot warranty Nov 2018, cruise, 17" alloys, 14k, grey.....£11795

17 17 PORSCHE CAYENNE 3.6 GTS AWD 5dr Tiptronic S auto, pan roof, 21" alloys, BOSE, reverse camera, under 2000 miles in met grey with half-leather & alcantara.....£74995

15 65 RENAULT CAPTUR 1.5 DCI Energy Dynamique S 5dr, Renault warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, Bluetooth, PDC, white.....£10995

16 66 RENAULT KADJAR 1.5 DCI Energy Dynamique S 5dr, sat nav, cruise, 19" alloys, Bluetooth, 7k, met blue.....£14495

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15 65 SUZUKI VITARA 1.6 SZ-T 5dr, Suzuki warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, rev camera, DAB, 14k, white.....£11995

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13 13 BMW 320 D M Sport 2dr coupe automatic, pro nav, 19" alloys, 33k, met blue, full leather

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14 64 MERCEDES GLA220 CDI SE 5dr (Executive Pack) 7G-DCT, 18" alloys, reverse camera, privacy glass, 14k, polar silver, full leather

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14 64 BMW 116D Sport 5dr, cruise, pdc, Bluetooth, privacy glass, choice

£8495

12 12 MERCEDES S350 CDI BlueTec 4dr 7G-Tronic plus, sat nav, 20" alloy alloys, 45k, silver, with full leather

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15 65 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 CDTi Ecoflex SRI Nav 5dr, Vauxhall warranty Sept 2018, sat nav, reverse camera, Bluetooth, cruise, in red

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15 65 HYUNDAI SANTA FE 2.2 CRDI BlueDrive Premium 5dr AWD auto, Hyundai warranty Sep 2020, sat nav, reverse camera, privacy, black, full leather

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The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

PREMIER DIVISION leaders Barry Athletic suffered their second loss of the season as AFC Rhose defeated them 2-1.

The result really opens up the Premier Division as Rhose move third with Athletic four points ahead of the chasing pack, but having played a game more than most and three games more than FC Barry Belgrade.

Speaking of Belgrade, they held second place St Athan to a 1-1 draw in an entertaining game while Cowbridge Town stopped their run of bad results with a 3-3 draw against Penarth Town. Only two points now separate second and sixth in a highly competitive

league of seven. In Division One, leaders Sully Sports showed their dominance as they thrashed in form Cadroxton Athletic 5-1 to move seven points clear of SP Billy in second.

SP's result against Cardiff Airport was unknown as of writing. Cogan secured their third league win in a row to go third as they squeezed past bottom side Cadroxton Imps 2-1.

Barry Saints moved fourth as they dispatched Cwm Talwg 3-1. Division One also extremely competitive.

In Division Two we have new league leaders as Cadroxton Barry turned on the style to cruise past BRT Dynamos 4-1 and Vale Madrid crashed to a 2-0 defeat to AFC Rhose B.

However, Llantwit Major are steaming up the outside as they

continued their 100 per cent start to the season with a 6-3 victory over Glenbrook. Llantwit six points off top with three games in hand; and finally, Island Marine B eased to a 3-0 win over indifferent BV.

Next week it is the Barry Cup quarter-finals which has thrown up some potentially exciting matches.

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Impressive Bowl win for Porthcawl RFC

ANY visit to regular cup performers Wattstown is always difficult and fraught with danger when you're defending an unbeaten record, as was the case with Porthcawl on Saturday in the latest round of the WRU Bowl.

Wattstown are a proud Valleys club and their performance was certainly physical and committed, making the Seaweeds work hard to maintain their unbeaten start in all matches.

With Josh White still missing through injury, it was down to Ben Thomas to again assume kicking duties and he duly got the visitors off the mark with a penalty as the home defence transgressed, for 0-3.

With the Porthcawl pack giving as good as they got and defending strongly, Thomas increased the

Porthcawl advantage to 0-6 as indiscipline off the ball by the home side yielded the chance for more points.

A tremendous break by Jon Phillips almost conjured a piece of magic for Porthcawl but his pass just failed to get to centre Gareth Rees who would have steamed in for the try.

Just before the break, Wattstown pulled back three points with a penalty of their own, with the match finely balanced for the start of the second half.

The Seaweeds' half-time pep talk saw them start the second spell strongly and bit by bit they started to take control as the pack made Wattstown toil for some kind of parity.

Yet, as so often happens against the run of play, the home side benefitted from a strange decision by the referee and worked their way over for a converted try to go up to 10-6.

This only galvanised the Seaweeds' effort and sterling work by their pack provided two opportunities that they didn't waste, with first of all skipper Richard Hnyda crashing over for a try, followed shortly afterwards by flanker Ben Asprea.

In an almost impossible swirling wind, Ben Thomas' two conversions went wide, as did another couple of penalty shots, keeping the score at 10-16.

In reality, the home side never seemed likely to score after that, with Porthcawl's defence keeping them at bay and the victory assured.

The one piece of not so good news is that Jon Phillips, so far the player of the season, suffered a fracture to his eye socket, which could see him out for a while.

Porthcawl return to league action on Saturday with a trip to Pontycymmer, hoping to build on their Bowl win there in the last round and keeping their unbeaten run going. **PF**

Golfing success for young Megan

MEGAN CULLINANE, from Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg, has won her first golfing competition as part of a mixed team at Monmouthshire Golf Course.



She was the youngest of the team of six that took part in the competition representing Cottrell Park Golf Club.

Megan has competed many times as part of a team and has enjoyed success as an individual player. Last year, she won the matchplay competition as well as the junior club champion at Cottrell Park Golf Club.

She shares her spare time between hockey, cross country and golf and said that the latter is her passion.

A spokesperson said: "Her recent achievements have inspired her to compete regularly and we look forward to hearing more of her success in the future."

Vale trainers' Exeter success

EVAN Williams and his former assistant trainer Christian Williams - no relation - both saddled winners at Exeter on Tuesday.

Evan won the handicap hurdle with his seven-year-old *Market Road* and Christian the Three-Year-Olds bumper (National Hunt flat race) with *Volcano*.

Market Road, a 3-1 chance, was ridden by Mitch Bastyan and scored by a length from the 2-1 favourite *Eddy*, and *Volcano*, partnered by champion jockey Richard Johnson, and who went off the 13-8 favourite, won by three-and-three-quarter lengths from *Acey Milan*.

TIM'S STAR TURN AT CHELTENHAM
Vale trainer Tim Vaughan could have been forgiven if he had danced with joy at the spiritual home of steeplechasing last Friday.

As he saddled his first ever winner at sunny Cheltenham when his six-year-old grey gelding *Master Dancer*, a 12-1 chance, scored an impressive win in the £12,000 Brandon Hill Capital Handicap Hurdle. Vaughan, a former Welsh champion point-to-point rider and a graduate of the Llangeinor Hunt Pony Club, said: "Knowing my record at Cheltenham it's a bit of a surprise! Everyone winds me up

about it."

"It's lovely to have a winner here and it's nice that Dickie (Champion National Hunt jockey Richard Johnson) was on board as we've been together a long time. It's long overdue, but I'm delighted."

Of *Master Dancer* he said: "That's his fifth win for us. He's won on the Flat and over the jumps, so it's great."

Johnson said: "Tim" had a lot of seconds here so it's fantastic for him to finally win. It's a special experience to have success at Cheltenham and I'm so pleased Tim has got his reward."

Tim commented: "We have had 151 previous runners on the course and around 20 seconds and three of those have been at the National Hunt Festival meeting. A big hoodoo is now out of the way."

Master Dancer, owned by select-racing club.co & Mr C Davies, won by an easy 10 lengths from the French-bred *Vivas* and was one of three runners - the other two were *Rucana* (George Blackwell) and *Nathans Pride* (Alan Johns) Vaughan had in the 21 runner field and, for the record, they finished 16th and 17th respectively.

BRIAN LEE

Bowlers enjoy tour to La Manga

THE fourth annual Windsor Bowls Club tour to Spain produced an excellent win and a draw in their two matches on grass at the prestigious La Manga Club.

The party of 59 tourists played a total of six games in Spain. The other matches, all played on artificial surfaces ended in defeats.

On those occasions, the straight woods of the home teams were far better suited than the wider swinging woods of the visitors. The difference in class may also have had a bearing.

Even Austin Meredith's practice end in the coach en route to one match did not improve his performance while Tim White's wide bowling line troubled the jack on the adjoining rink rather than on his own.

At La Manga, there were wins for skips Rod Hudson, Richard Flitney and Di Roper in the first winning match.

In the second match, which ended in a draw, there was a big win for skip Alun Daniel with Lance Davies, Sally Morgan (in her first ever competitive match) and Ann Morrish.

Special mention must also be made of Alan Davies, Gill Mathias, Julie Davies and skip Peter Morrish who achieved a recovery of Lazarus type proportions by recovering from 1-13 down to record a last end win by 18-17.

Every game on the Spanish tours results in an award of the winning teddy and the losing teddy to the best and worst performing rinks on the day.

At the end of the tour,

all the results are collated and the overall teddy winners are announced.

Despite a valiant effort by Alan Dudley, the losing teddy went to Dave Johnson whose shot deficit shall not be revealed.

To everyone's utter shock, the winning teddy went to Roger Ellis for the second year running. In his acceptance speech, he gallantly and accurately acknowledged that he owed it all to his fellow rink bowlers rather than to any great performances on his part.

There were many other fine performances and winning rinks in the losing matches but the detailed records have not survived the journey back to the UK.

The tours are as much if not more about the social side than the bowling and in particular, all enjoyed the two cabaret nights.

The evening featuring the wonderful voice of Maria Lynn was superb and also gave an opportunity for Windsor's resident Lothario, Colin Roper, to make quite a contribution to the act.

Four losses in the bowls, but there were three other losses to be reported. John Follon lost his wallet, Steve Close lost his footing in the shower and broke two ribs and Vueling Airlines lost the Ellards' luggage.

As always, the tour was brilliantly organised by Veronica and Richard Flitney. Appropriately, they actually won the winning and the losing teddies in the final match so both trophies will be retained by them in readiness for the next tour.

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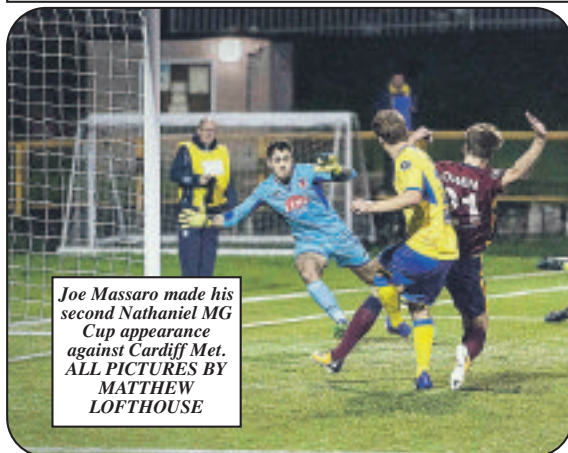
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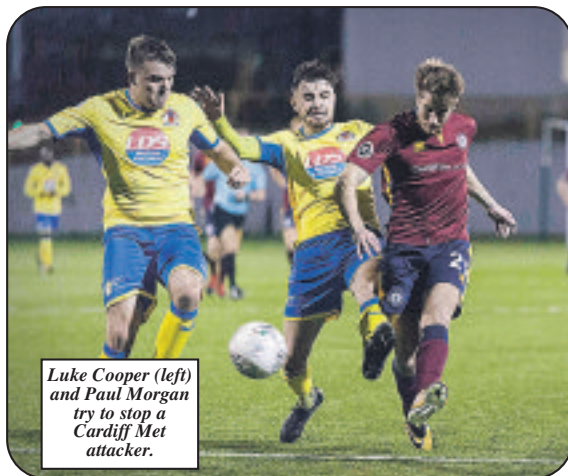
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Cup dreams over for Barry Town United



Joe Massaro made his second Nathaniel MG Cup appearance against Cardiff Met. ALL PICTURES BY MATTHEW LOFTHOUSE



Luke Cooper (left) and Paul Morgan try to stop a Cardiff Met attacker.

BARRY Town United's Nathaniel MG Cup campaign was ended at the quarter-final stage in midweek, as last season's runners-up suffered a 2-0 defeat to an in-form Cardiff Metropolitan at Jenner Park.

Having won four straight matches on the bounce, the visitors made the short trip to the Vale in high spirits, yet it was Barry who enjoyed the first opportunity of note, Louis Gerrard firing an instinctive effort over the crossbar, after Met goalkeeper Will Fuller had failed to deal with Drew Fahiya's cross.

Starting on the front foot, the Town almost found themselves with a one-man advantage when an overzealous Josh Barnett looked to pick up his second yellow card in quick succession.

However, the Met midfielder escaped unpunished and would be astutely substituted by boss Christian Edwards.

As the half progressed, the visitors found their footing, causing increasing problems for a Barry Town side that had made four changes from the previous weekend's 2-0 loss at Bala.

They would soon be forced to make a fifth when Gerrard picked up a knock, and this enforced substitution would leave the side out of sorts, as the high-flying Archers capitalised to full effect.

In the 36th minute, Met midfielder Chris Baker found the game's goal breakthrough, receiving a pass from the left-hand side and firing a smart effort into the right-hand corner of Joe Massaro's net, the young Barry goalkeeper making his second straight start in the Nathaniel MG Cup competition.

Then, two minutes before half-time, the

visitors thought they had doubled their advantage, only for the official to swiftly put a dampener on the Archers' celebrations, penalising them for a foul on Massaro.

As in the first-half, Barry started the second period well, bringing substitute and danger man Kayne McLaggan into the game and adding the attacking threat of Callum Sainty, who impressed at Bala.

However, as would prove a theme in October, the Town's hard-grafting players were unable to etch their names on the scoresheet, as the ultra-fit Met XI chased a second under the Jenner floodlights.

In one moment of note, a Met attempt from the edge of the penalty area took a wicked deflection six yards out. Seemingly goalbound, the spritely Massaro pulled out an incredible reaction save to keep his team in the game, yet Barry's resistance proved fleeting.

From the ensuing corner, Ben Bowler beat his man to the ball, sliding it to unmarked Emlyn Lewis at the back post. Lewis then left-footed home from close range, making the score 2-0 to the visitors.

This 77th-minute snuffed out Barry's hopes of a second straight final and while a healthy crowd had turned out for the derby, they would witness the Town's cup challenge end here.

Any chance of knockout silverware this season will now lie with the Welsh Cup, with Barry and the other JD Welsh Premier League clubs entering at the third round stage on Saturday, December 2.

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Troy Greening looks to create an opening.

TNS test awaits for Barry Town on Saturday

ONE of the JD Welsh Premier League's greatest rivalries resumes on Saturday (November 4), as Barry Town United travel to defending champions The New Saints in a 2.30pm kick-off at Park Hall.

The two most successful clubs in Welsh Premier history, with a haul of 18 titles between them, times have changed since Barry and TNS fought for championships and Welsh Cups around the turn of the 21st century.

However, this Saturday's encounter is poised to be as compelling as ever, as a Town side with nothing to lose battle to improve upon their 1-0 defeat to the Saints at Jenner Park in August.

Saturday's fixture sees Barry's first visit to the modern Park Hall since TNS upped sticks and moved there around a decade ago, though the Town were visitors in its previous guise as the home of Oswestry Town.

The final Oswestry/Barry match at the venue was on

April 19, 2003, as the visitors (with a young Adebayo Akinfenwa in tow) ran out 4-0 victors, en route to securing a seventh Welsh Premier title.

Eclipsing Barry's haul in 2014, TNS are now 11-time winners of the national top flight, having lifted the trophy in each of the past six seasons.

Claiming four Welsh Cups and three League Cups along the way, the Saints' current era represents the greatest period of success in their history.

However, the loss of coach Craig Harrison in the summer ensured that this season will be somewhat different for TNS, dramatically reaffirmed by a 5-2 hammering at Bangor City on the opening night.

To their credit, the full-time professionals have recovered as only they seemingly can, winning eight and drawing two of their following 10 JD Welsh Premier League fixtures.

Along the way, Scott Ruscoe's Saints have recorded heavy victories against Cefn Druids, Bala Town, Carmarthen Town and Prestatyn

Town to reclaim their regular position on top of the league table.

Nevertheless, Barry have had a handful of recent opportunities to test their successors of sorts, with manager Gavin Chesterfield drawing solace from each of their three encounters under his guidance.

In early 2016, the Town recovered from a first-minute setback to lead then-holders TNS, 2-1 in the Welsh Cup at Jenner Park.

A flurry of goals would prove Barry's undoing that evening, but lessons learned in the 5-2 defeat helped the Town contain TNS for 77 minutes of January's Nathaniel MG Cup Final in Cyncoed.

Finally, August's meeting at Jenner Park in the Welsh Premier saw battling Barry shrug off a first-half opener to contend for much of the contest; ultimately disappointed to not secure a late point.

While Barry will travel to the Oswestry border this Saturday as rank outsiders, their form against the Saints offers hope, with a decent number of supporters expected to make the trip from south Wales.

Historically, the club's record against TNS stands strong and those making the journey will be hopeful their team can be a thorn in the side of the champions, as the JD Welsh Premier League enters its 12 of 22 matchdays before the January split.

Admission at Park Hall in Whittington on Saturday (SY11 4AS) is £8 (adults), £4 (over-65s) and £1 (under-16s), payable at the gate.

AC

The Barry and District League tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1

West End 7; Liberals 8; Cadoxton Cons 8; Moors Boys 7; Wyndham Cons 6; West End Runaways 9.

League Table

West End Runaways 58; Cadoxton Cons 55; Liberals 54; Wyndham Cons 54; Moors Boys 48; West End 46; Rhose Social 45.

S K I T T L E S

DIVISION 1

Slammers 2; Barries Boys 5; Sea View B 5; Liberals C 2; Allsorts 0; Rugby Club 7; Barry Town FC 5; Cambrian Flyers 2; Liberals A 2; Rhose Social A 5; Rhose Social B 1; Rhose

Social C 0; King William XII 7; West End C 1; West End D 6.

League Table

Rugby Club 38.0; West End D 31.5; West End C 28.0; King William XII 27.0; Rhose Social B 26.5; Rhose Social B 24.5; Slammers 24.5; Rhose Social A 23.0; Allsorts 22.0; Cambrian Flyers 19.0; Sea View B 18.5; Liberals C 18.5; Liberals A 18.0; Rhose Social C 16.0; Barries Boys 15.0; Barry Town FC 14.0.

S N O O K E R

DIVISION 1

Wyndham Cons A 1; Harbour B 4; Liberators 2; Cadoxton Cons Z 3; Penarth Cons A 3.

Cadoxton Cons B 2; Rhose Social B 2; Savoy B 3; West End C 2; Services Social B 3.

League Table

Harbour B 31; Cadoxton Cons Z 23; Cadoxton Cons B 20; Services Social B 19; Wyndham Cons A 19; Savoy A 18; Liberators 13; Savoy B 13; West End C 13; Rhose Social B 12; Penarth Cons A 9.

S N O O K E R

DIVISION 2

Wyndham Cons D 1; Penarth Cons B 4; Cadoxton Cons A 2; Harbour A 3; Sully Sports A 4; Castle A 1; West End B 1; West End A 4; Rhose Social C 3; Market Street C 2; Market Street B 2; Cadoxton Misfits 3.

League Table

Rhose Social C 27; Cadoxton Misfits 26; Market Street B 22; Wyndham Cons D 22; Market Street C

21; West End A 21; Penarth Cons B 20; Harbour A

19; Cadoxton Cons A 17; West End B 16; Sully Sports A 14; Castle A 10. * = Points deducted

All league and cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'

Gambits earn pride of place as they pick up match point!

THIS week there were two matches in the East Glamorgan Chess League for the Barry Chess Club.

On this occasion pride of place goes to the Barry Gambits in Division 4.

Prior to this match the Gambits had lost all four of their league games. They were up against the North Cardiff Zebras who hadn't fared much better in picking up a solitary win.

These two teams are like flotsam and jetsam drifting away from the other teams in the table.

Players with the white pieces are normally considered to be at an advantage as they play first. In some instances, however, it can be a disadvantage as it means they have the first opportunity to make a mistake.

In this particular match the first four games all ended with a victory for white to leave the match all square at 2-2.

The final game featured Erion Pici. The inclusion of Erion brought the average age of our team down from antique to just plain old.

The sum of our opponents' ages was less than the age of four of our players.

On first glance it appeared that Erion held an advantage, but I couldn't see the clock and when it turned out to be his opponents' move next the complexion of the game changed.

Erion appeared to be in some difficulty and was

relieved to receive an offer of a draw from his opponent.

Duly accepting the draw gave us our first match point. It doesn't really alter the league table but certainly made us feel better.

In Division 2 the Camelots made the short trip to Penarth to take on the Pirates. They returned home picking up only 1.5 points from the five available.

Tom Cooke picked up his third consecutive draw and John Ryles maintained his unbeaten record with a win on board 5.

It is a measure of our poor results this season that after two months of play John Ryles is our only player with a better than 50 per cent return from his games.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

PHIL JONES

Barrivale Bridge Club results

RESULTS for the Barrivale Bridge Club session on Tuesday, October 24 are as follows.

The top three winners were: 1, Jane Brook and Denis Mottram 73.03 per cent; 2, Jenny Vaughan and Sarah Amos 67.36 per cent; 3, Mark Roderick and Mick Green 61.90 per cent.

The handicap winners were: Jenny Vaughan and Sarah Amos.

As always, new members are welcome at the club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us, telephone 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call in at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm. Also, the beginners and improvers classes continue to run on Friday mornings.

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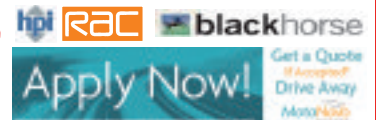
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Impressive Barry ladies sail into Cup semi-finals

A sunny Sunday afternoon at Llanrumney was the setting for a mouthwatering South Wales FA Cup quarter-final tie between Barry Town United ladies and Cwmbran Celtic.

Barry were looking to continue their fine form going into this fixture against a strong Cwmbran Celtic team and the hosts got off to a strong start controlling possession but struggled to break down a resilient opposition defence.

Cwmbran, sitting in a deep defensive block frustrated Barry for the opening 30 minutes whilst also having a threat on the counter attack.

Barry's wide players, Naomi Coulson and Beth O'Donnell, were causing havoc down the flanks, creating numerous chances for the home team which eventually led to them taking the lead through an unfortunate own goal.

The breakthrough seemed decisive with Barry now looking more relaxed about going about their business.

Barry strikers Luca Laky and Ellen Phillips were holding the ball up well, and were becoming a threat the longer the match went on.

Phillips, unfortunately, sustained an injury causing a substitution, with Molly Chapman entering the fray.

Despite Barry conjuring more chances, the score remained 1-0 at the break.

The second half was to be a much livelier affair. Barry started strong, and continued to dominate possession but this time were more ruthless in front of goal, doubling their lead with a fine finish from Laky from an excellent passage of play.

Barry's cup hero from



Beth O'Donnell was on the scoresheet as Barry Town United ladies progressed in the South Wales Cup.

the previous round, Leah Davies, was to come off the bench and have a huge impact yet again.

She slotted into the midfield, showing her excellent passing ability while being an attacking force for the home team.

Substitute Chapman was to get her first goal for the club soon after, and put the ladies 3-0 up with a shot into the top left-hand corner following a Laky assist. The team were delighted to see the former Dinas player get off the mark in Barry colours.

To their credit, the visitors kept battling away and pulled a goal back with a breakaway goal with the forward racing through and calmly slotting home to reduce the deficit to 3-1 after 65 minutes.

Barry kept their composure and continued to press at the Cwmbran goal and their fourth goal arrived with 16-year-old O'Donnell getting her first senior goal for the club with a ferocious shot into the top corner, giving the keeper no chance.

Captain Stevie Cook put in a great display and maintained her fine

scoring form with Barry's fifth goal of the game, bursting through to find to hammer past the helpless keeper to make it three goals in three games for the skipper.

Cwmbran did manage a late consolation goal but this did not dampen Barry's morale with another strong performance and a deserved place in the last four of the South Wales FA Cup.

The result makes it five wins from five matches played so far this season and Barry return to league action this week with an away trip to Caerphilly.

Squad: 1. Frankie Taylor, 2. Emma Thompson, 3. Robyn Facey, 4. Tracey White, 5. Emily Mortimore, 6. Megan Bailey, 7. Beth O'Donnell, 8. Stevie Cook (c), 9. Luca Laky, 10. Ellen Phillips, 11. Naomi Coulson. Substitutes: 12. Hannah Moger, 14. Molly Chapman, 15. Leah Davies, 16. Abi Smyth. Players of the match: Emma Thompson and Stevie Cook. **LW**

The Vale of Glamorgan Pool League

THE Castle Dark Lords extended their lead at the top with a great 9-3 victory away at The Ship.

Wayne Hobson started the rout with a first frame victory over county player Mike Dunn, followed by Gavin Rowlands beating Bobby Aivalent.

The Dark Lords would dominate the first set of singles with Ralph Miners, then Matthew Tobin, making it 4-0. The first set of doubles would see their lead extended to 6-0; at this stage a lot of teams would have buckled and collapsed, but not The Ship.

The fightback started with Sion Old's win over Gavin Rowlands. The Ship's captain Graham Aivalent would out-think Tobin and Nathan Davidson would then play superbly to beat Gareth Foxall, making the score a more respectable 7-3 going into the last doubles, which the Dark Lords would go on to win. Wayne Hobson would win man of the match with his four out of four wins performance.

The in-form Finnegans stumbled to a 7-5 defeat away at the Borough Arms; the scoreline would flatter the Borough, most games played were closely fought and could have gone either way.

The scorecard made interesting reading with the Borough leading 6-0 at the halfway stage, then Finnegans would win the next five frames making the score 6-5.

The final doubles match would be won by boro captain Robert Larkin and his vice-captain Gavin Stevens and would seal the Borough's victory. The biggest cheer of the evening was saved for Finnegans' Joel Ball, with his fine victory over Paul Breen.

O'Briens entertained the Witchill Wildcats with captain Martyn Croke gaining the scalp of county player Ceri Morris in the very first frame.

Steve Watkins, Paul Everest and Ian Hill would give the Wildcats a 3-1 lead. The first set of doubles would both go to O'Briens to make it 3-3.

The Wildcats would claw their way back into the game with Watkins, Everest and Lawrence Klee all winning to give them a 6-4 lead, with Everest and James Hill winning their doubles to seal victory.

It was left to O'Briens' John Wolfenden and Windsor Harry to inflict another defeat on Ceri Morris.

Millwood Pot Jacks travelled to the King William IV in Cadoxton and were unlucky to come away with a 7-5 defeat, captain Gary Williams and Nick Parry not getting the rub of the green; young John Pritchard was

Millwood's star player.

For the King William, Les Hunt would impress in both singles matches but man of the match would go to the outstanding Geoff Froud, with his 100 per cent record of played four won four.

The Wanderers hosted Billy United at the Glenbrook. First up saw David Jones taking on Gary Roberts, David getting the Wanderers off to a great start by beating one of the league's sharpshooters.

Nick Taylor and Jeff Bartle continued the fantastic start, although the latter can count himself lucky as Ian Roberts missed a black that he would normally pot 99 times out of 100.

Mark Ingram for the Billy would beat Karl Marsh to make the score 3-1 and the first set of doubles would go the way of the Wanderers with Nick Taylor and Mags Bartle impressing to give the Wanderers a 5-1 lead.

The league champions would fight back with Gary Roberts, Mark Ingram and Ian Roberts making the score 5-4; captain Bartle would beat Les Ashton in the last singles game.

Back came the Billy, winning both of the last doubles to set up a sudden-death, black ball shoot-out. A couple of edgy shots from both teams but Gary Roberts would sink the winning ball for a well deserved bonus point for the Billy.

The Wanderers will be kicking themselves for letting the win slip through their fingers. The Thursday league is still looking for players of all capabilities to sign up and play - please phone Anthony on 07568 444180 or text Joe on 07870 498738.

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BRIDGEND SPORTS MINI AND JUNIOR RUGBY ROUND-UP

IT was a Sunday morning tinged with sadness this week as the mini and junior teams paid their mark of respect to a great town and club stalwart Charlie Griffiths who died earlier in the week.

Charlie was a great servant to sport and young people in the town and will be sorely missed by all.

Our deepest condolences are extended to Charlie's family.

The start of the Autumn half term holiday week can prove to be a bit of a challenge as many take the opportunity to recharge the batteries on a short break before winter sets in.

Nevertheless, it was a case of strength in numbers as the Sports fielded sides at most year groups on Sunday.

The under-7s and under-8s combined squads this week when they hosted the Valley Ravens. The change from British Summertime caught one or two out and the early morning enthusiasm waned a little as reality set in!

The Ravens were a strong side, but the Sports competed well in the first period, before losing by three tries to four. The Sports could not maintain their efforts in the second period as the away team ran in six tries to the home side's one.

Stand-out performers were Aaron Eynon, Ellis Kendall, Ellis Luke, Bailey, Gethin Roberts, Holly Eynon, Leo D'Adamo, Mike Heanue, Tyler Pascoe, Archie Hall, Seb Stowe, Tyler Pascoe and Ollie Balmer.

The under-9s also hosted the Valley Ravens. Both sides were disrupted due to several

players being unavailable. This didn't stop the side producing some free-flowing rugby with some good off loading and tackling.

The Ravens thrived in the extra space to run out winners 20-65. The Sports tries were scored by Gethin Evans (3) and Leo Giraud. Gethin Evans was Sports' player of the week, but all players deserved equal credit.

The under-10s travelled to the home of the Black Army, Llantrisant. It was a very competitive game. Unfortunately, the Sports could not repel a strident army with Llantrisant running out winners by 65 points to 30. It was tries galore.

Joe Perriman put in a great effort to earn player of the week for the Blue and Whites.

The under-11s faced Valley Ravens at home, a tough fixture was anticipated. The Valley Ravens showed early on that they meant business with good aggressive defence and when required, efficient recycling of the ball at the breakdown.

They kept the Sports pinned in their 22 for long periods and eventually took the lead with a try. This provided the stimulus for the Sports to respond, they kept possession and used it well to threaten the Ravens line.

Dan Evans scored in the corner to level, Jack Spurduty added the conversion for the home side to lead 7-5 going into the second half.

The Sports were straight out of the blocks in the second half, constantly threatening the Valley Ravens defence. They added three tries through Dan Harries, Ben Evans and George Jones with Jack Spurduty converting all three.

Valley Ravens scored a late consolation try and a conversion to close the final gap to 28-12.

Notable performers for the Sports were Deacon Kerusu, Tommy Jones and scrum half Dom Hurley in attack with good defensive contributions, especially at the ruck, from Tom Brimson and Sam Gardner.

The under-12s travelled to Treharris RFC; the host club were reformed in 2009 and have grown to develop mini and junior rugby in the town named after the former owner of the Navigation colliery.

The under-12s managed to pull off an early double but not before putting in some hard work and a spirited team effort, particularly in defence with the side registering their highest tackle count of the season.

Tries win matches however and the Blue and Whites led at half-time with a try from Dylan Morgan. Dylan Parry used his strength to power his way through eight Treharris players to score the second.

It was a great try hat delighted his team mates. Wing Tom Chick rounded off a great team performance with a third try to secure a 0-15 victory.

Cian John, Harri Williams, Iestyn John and Thomas Coles put in a solid shift in defence with some great tackling, but it must be stressed that all players contributed to the tackle count this week.

The under-16s travelled to Dunvant where they went down 22-12 to a strong home team.

It was a weekend where despite the disruption all teams gave their all to uphold the club's tradition of encouraging all players to enjoy the game and learn.

SP

Busy times for Brynhill ladies

THE cold, wet weather hasn't stopped Brynhill Golf Club ladies from getting some exercise.

The October 3 winner was Lisa Taylor, Linda Hewlett won on October 10, Liz Taylor on October 17 and, after another good game, Liza Taylor won again on October 24.

We celebrated Carole Allen's special birthday with a fun game of golf and a quiz organised by her daughter Clare. We were then treated to a cheese and wine buffet lunch.

Our very successful Thursday league, organised by Nicci Case and Di Tapscott, had a

delicious lunch prepared by our in-house catering team.

The lady with the most league points this season, Jenny Pateman, was delighted with her achievement and her prize.

On Tuesday, November 7, we have our very successful Christmas fayre. Everyone is welcome.

Come buy your Christmas gifts and chutneys early. Doors open at 6pm until 9pm and entrance fee is £1, payable at the door.

The ladies section has its 97th AGM on Tuesday, November 14, at the golf club - all lady members are encouraged to attend at 7.30pm. **LT**

Chess Premier League makes its first move

LAST week saw the first round of this season's Welsh Premier League.

Just as last year there are six entries. The champions and runners-up are offered places in the European Cup so there is a lot to play for.

For the Vale, who play their home matches at the Barry Chess Club venue, there was a tough encounter in round one.

The Vale were drawn against Cardiff; last season Cardiff were the surprise winners of the WPL and won all five of their matches, so a tough

match was envisaged - and so it turned out. Tim Kett, Nigel Ralphs, Peter Heaven, Lee Davis and Robert Taylor all earned draws while Ben Thomas sealed a win for the Vale on board 5 to secure a narrow margin win of 3.5-2.5.

This win puts the Vale in second place behind last year's runner-up, Nidum from west Wales. Let's just hope we can continue in this rich vein of form and secure European competition for the first time.

PHIL JONES

Barry and District Ladies Skittles League results

RESULTS for week commencing October 23:

Airways Angels 273 (L.Taylor 29). Division 3 - Off the Rails 244 (J.Cattle 26), Merry Makers 196 (M.Payne 28); SeaView Ladies 282 (G.Davey 31), Vixens 291 (D.Marks 37); Hillbillies 246 (M.Brinkworth 35), Rebels 287 (S.Oram 31); Up Town Girls 209 (J.Cosset & J.Hawkins 24), Rugby Triers 228 (C.Jenkins 24); Ectetera 219 (C.Macintosh 23), Little Devils 229 (J.Jones 26); Westenders 251 (M.Condon 32), Persuaders 244 (K.Kemp & K.Phillips 25).

Division 4 - Liberals 256 (S.Andrews 31), Bimbo's 244 (M.Winder 28); Hell Raisers 220 (M.Davies 23), Witches 246 (A.Taylor 30); Nite Outers 230 (L.Armstrong 23), Witchill Wanderers 204 (C.Morrisey 26); Socialites 252 (J.Savoury 30), Twilighters 277 (M.Harding 31); Guardian Angels 130 (S.Aston 22), Aristocats 213 (M.Rogers 26). **HB**



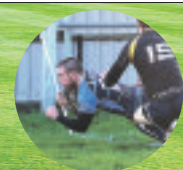
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Tondu edge ding-dong Plate encounter with Camarthen Athletic



There were tries for Sam Grabham (above) and Marc Roberts (below) as Tondu RFC edged out Camarthen Athletic in a real ding-dong battle. Photos by Gareth Anthony.



Aled Jones tries to force his way through.



Javan Bell (under a pile of bodies) scores.



THIS game between Tondu and Camarthen Athletic started with constant pressure from the home side but an interception by the Athletic inside their own 22 saw Jack Wilson speed

in under the posts for the game's first try.

Tom Gravelle added the conversion to give the visitors the early lead against the run of play. A few minutes later Camarthen made it clear that they were here to play rugby and after some strong pressure from the forwards, centre Tom Gravelle crossed for a deserved try, he also slotted the conversion to give the visitors a 14-0 lead.

Tondu looked a little shell-shocked at this point. A great finish from winger Sam Grabham brought them into the game, but a rampant Camarthen Athletic were soon back on the offensive with a second try for Tom Gravelle he again added the extra points to give his side a 21-5 advantage.

Now Tondu needed step on the gas if they wanted to stay in this game, and it was a Terry Saunders that started the fight back after good work from the forwards, Josh Tatchell added the extra points to make it 21-12.

Tondu were now on top and were soon back on the scoreboard when back row man Javan Bell scored after some good work from the forwards.

Tatchell slotted the conversion to make it 21-19.

A Josh Tatchell penalty put the home side in front for the first time a few minutes later 22-21, and on the stroke of half-time Tondu took control of the game when hooker Nick Davies finished off a forward onslaught to make it 29-21.

Another Tatchell penalty gave the Waterwheelers a 11-point advantage and the game looked to be over, but the Athletic were not having that and Tom Gravelle's hat-trick and conversion opened up the game yet again with 20 minutes left.

With only four points between the sides, it was time for replacement Marc Roberts to make his mark, as swift handling down the right from the backs resulted in Roberts sailing over near the posts for Tatchell to convert, the score 39-28 with eight minutes left.

The Athletic got a last-minute try through wing Carwyn Thomas but it wasn't enough and Tondu sneaked the win against a very good side to move into the third round of the WRU Plate. This Saturday it's back to league business when Kenfig Hill are the visitors at Pandy Park, kick off 2.30pm.

MIKE SULLY

TWO SUPERB RESULTS FOR ATHLETIC YOUTH

FOLLOWING an excellent midweek 35-13 victory away at Beddau in the Welsh Youth Cup, Bridgend Athletic youth travelled to Bryncoch for an Ospreys A league fixture.

Prior to the fixture Bryncoch had won both their league fixtures against Kenfig Hill and Neath Athletic, while reigning Ospreys A champions Bridgend Athletic had recorded a bonus point win against Swansea Uplands.

A 22-10 bonus point victory put the Athletic top with 10 points from two games, ahead of Pontardulais (nine from two), and Bryncoch (nine from three).

As with the Beddau game the Athletic were creating openings but poor execution of the final pass was letting them down. They were made to pay when they were penalised close to their try line after failing to deal with a kick into their 22.

Bryncoch elected for a five-metre scrum. They used quick front foot ball to pass into midfield where centre Jamie Walsh took the ball at pace to crash over the try line.

Close to half-time flanker and captain Joe Grabham won lineout ball 30 metres out and fed prop Chris Crumpton on the peel. When held Crumpton popped a pass to No 8 Will Barraclough who powered his way forward handing off three defenders before crossing for a good try. Scrum half Matthew Hobby converted to give the Athletic a 7-5 half-time lead.

Slick passing by Joe Grabham and Harry Ridge released wing Sam Palmer 60 metres out. Hobby converted to give the Athletic a 12-5 half-time lead.

THE club mixed pairs produced a tense finish with Sue and Tony just pipping Janet and Keith on the last board.

The event was complemented with an excellent cheese and wine - with thanks to the lady committee members for their organisation.

Latest results from the club are:

Saturday, October 14 - First - Terry Dolan & Pat Haworth; second - Maurice & Margaret Harris. Thursday, October 19, club mixed pairs championship - First - Sue Anthony &

time lead.

Coach Lee Grabham's half-time team talk emphasised for the Athletic to pick up the pace of their game. Prop Chris Crumpton set an early example of what Grabham wanted showing great aggression to drive 30 metres out of defence into the Bryncoch half.

When halted the ball was spun along the backline. Centres Dan O'Sullivan and Tom Davies combined to release wing Sam Palmer on half way. He outpaced the covering defence and stepped inside the full back to cross under the posts. Hobby converted to stretch the Athletic lead to 14-5.

The Athletic were now playing more purposeful and controlled rugby using their pack to generate front foot possession to release their free running backs.

Full back Levi Hallett gathered a high kick just outside his 22. He set off on a mazy running beating many defenders before halted 35 metres out. Bryncoch infringed and Matthew Hobby kicked the resultant penalty.

With 10 minutes remaining Bryncoch launched a counter attack along the touchline leading to a corner try for Josh Harris to reduce his side's deficit to 17-10.

When awarded a penalty inside their own 22 the Athletic continued their risky exit strategy with scrum half Matthew Hobby taking a quick tap penalty.

Slick passing by Joe Grabham and Harry Ridge released wing Sam Palmer 60 metres out. Hobby converted to give the Athletic a 22-10 half-time lead.

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Saturday, October 21 - First - Trish Saunders & Roger Draper; second - Betty Longley & Roger Plant. Thursday, October 26 - First - Rob Charlesworth & John Beard; second - Tony Haworth & Keith Davison.

The club meets twice a week - Saturday and Thursday - at the Awel-y-Mor centre 6.45pm-9.45pm, visitors welcome at any time.

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defence all game and he pinned back his ears and outspurred would be tacklers to cross wide out. This opened a 22-10 Athletic lead.

The Athletic closed out the game to secure a winning bonus point by a victory exceeding 10 points to move top of the league.

Head coach Lee Grabham said: "It was pleasing to get a second half response from his side following a sluggish, error-strewn first half."

BEDDAU YOUTH 13, BRIDGEND ATHLETIC

YOUTH 35 - WELSH CUP ROUND TWO Having defeated one Blues region side, Cowbridge, in the first round of the Welsh Youth Cup, Ospreys A side Bridgend Athletic Youth were drawn against another Blues region team Beddau youth.

The original fixture, a victim of last weekend's Storm Brian, was played midweek under the Beddau floodlights.

The Athletic lit up the occasion producing a very good all-round performance to move into the last 16 of the competition with an outstanding five tries to one, 35-13 win.

The first Athletic try came from a Beddau lineout five metres from the Athletic line. Athletic No 8 Will Barraclough won the ball at the back of the line out and raced the length of the field to cross for an excellent solo try.

This set the agenda for the remaining four Athletic tries. All were scored from excellent passing moves from distance. Barraclough claimed a second, flanker and captain Joe Grabham also crossed the whitewash. The backs got in on the act with centre Caine Woolerton running in a brace of tries. Scrum half Matthew Hobby converted four of the tries, with full back Levi Hallett adding the fifth conversion.

In a good all-round team performance, the Athletic back row of Grabham, Barraclough and Tom Davies were outstanding. In the backs Joe Patterson and centre Caine Woolerton were on top of their game.

Athletic coach Kevin Gamble remarked: "We scored some excellent tries, but squandered a number of further chances by over-elaboration and poor final passes."

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Plenty of effort - BUT PENCOED FALL SHORT IN THE PLATE

THEY say a scoreboard never lies - and his particular one, with a scoreline of 58-10 does show the obvious superiority of Penallta.

What it doesn't show is the passion, commitment and doggedness of the Pencoed players, who, to a man, were a credit to their club.

Pencoed started brightly enough establishing early territory advantage. Unfortunately on four minutes, following an error, Penallta were able to breakout and, following a chip ahead, were able to score their first try with the conversion being successful.

They followed this up with an unconverted try four minutes later following a powerful run from their No 8. Their third try, which was converted, was a mirror of their first.

On 13 minutes Pencoed got on the board. At a penalty they chose to tap and go resulting in Dano Howells crashing over; the conversion failed.

Penallta then scored two unconverted tries on 33 and 40 minutes to leave a half-time score of 28-5.

It took Penallta only three minutes

of the second half to increase their lead with an unconverted try and 10 minutes later they added a converted try.

Pencoed were next on the scoreboard. Showing typical resoluteness they took the game back to Penallta. Following several phases and showing patience, the ball was eventually moved to Rhys Clarke who managed to force his way over for an unconverted try.

This was the last highlight for Pencoed who spent the remainder of the game defending. With the effort the Pencoed players had to put in, it was perhaps understandable that they started to tire.

This allowed Penallta to score three late tries, converting one, to leave a final score of 58-10.

This week Pencoed return to the league with a game at home against Morriston, 2.30pm kick-off.

Finally, it has to be mentioned that our youth recorded a fine victory over Merthyr youth, 31-21, in the national youth cup. Well done all involved.

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